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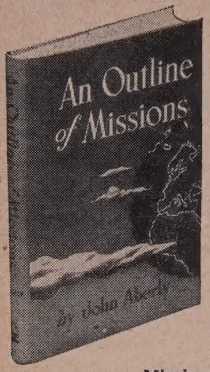

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"...to the ends of the earth."

By evangelism we understand that the church universal, in all its branches and through the service of all its members, must so present Jesus Christ to the world in the power of the Holy Spirit that men shall come to put their trust in God through him, accept him as their Saviour and serve him as their Lord in the fellowship of his church.

Madras Conference

WHEN JESUS CHRIST came into the world he came for all time and for all mankind. By his life, teaching, crucifixion and resurrection, he introduced a new and creative factor into human existence.

The population of the world today is said to be 2,150,000,000. Of this number, some 650,000,000 are Christians — 130,000,000 Eastern Orthodox, 170,000,000 Protestant and 350,000,000 Roman Catholic. In other words, between one-quarter and one-third of the people on earth have some knowledge of the existence of Jesus Christ as a factor in their lives.

While it is probably true that in the United States nearly everyone has at least heard rumors that there was once a man named Jesus, and are aware that many of their fellow Americans look to him for religious inspiration, it is indeed sobering to be reminded of the fact that 50,000,000 persons in the United States have no church connections, and that one-half of our children and young people receive no religious education of any sort.

Although it is true that never before have so many people had an authentic experience of the living Christ, it is nevertheless pertinent to ask at this point: of the nominal Christians in the United States, how many know what it is to let

Jesus Christ take command of their lives? Unhappily, the faith of so many of us is more imitative than creative, more conventional than functional. If it were not so, would our world be as seared and scarred, as confused and depressed as it is today?

What is the answer to all of this? The only answer, which does not simply admit a coming debacle, is the answer of Christian evangelism. Evangelism proclaims to the ends of the earth that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, and that Christ is the answer. Christian evangelism repeats the Pauline declaration with an emphasis made more incisive by 2000 years of Christian experience: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

This is an audaciously decisive leap of faith that the Christian evangelist takes, whether at home or abroad, when he declares that in actual effect the struggle of history is from this day onward the battle between Jesus Christ and secularism, or chaos. Yet, this is his message in immediate terms. And it does command immediate attention, as revealed in the articles in this issue of *The Missionary Herald*. For mankind is drifting into muddy waters where the infectious germs of spiritual and moral and intellectual disease develop. We are being led to believe that human power rules the human race. Therefore, since our kingdom is exclusively of this world, we, its servants, fight for our kingdoms.

Against such contemporary doctrines or ideologies, Christian evangelism raises a stern but persuasive voice, as it did in the declining days of the Roman Empire. It is a voice, crying across the reaches of the earth, and saying: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Our Congregational Christian churches have been traditionally in the vanguard of world-wide Christian evangelism. For example, our American Board for Foreign Missions was the first foreign missionary agency in the United States. It was in 1812 that our first missionaries set sail for India. Since that first little band went out, others to the number of 4,600 have gone. And today, as Fred Field Goodsell, Executive Vice-President of our American Board for Foreign Missions, states in his article: "Evangelism in all its varied forms and modes is our primary concern." The statement is abundantly confirmed by the other articles in this issue of *The Missionary Herald*.

If only all of us in our Congregational Christian churches might feel the poignancy of the urgency and the appeal. Is it nothing to us, all we who pass by?

God has set before us in our time a way of life and of death. The way of life is that which Jesus Christ offers. The way of death is the way of our unregenerate world. From all the ends of the earth come tokens of fear, frustration, hate. The secular power-drives were never so massive or implacable. Yet, the power of Christ was never before so persuasive or so redemptive. Who, then, will help to let this power loose in our world? Will you, according to your faith and capacity, help Christ to save his people?

"...to the ends of the earth"

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES HAVE SENT 4,600 MEN AND WOMEN.

THE AMERICAN BOARD

Our American Board for Foreign Missions was the first foreign mission agency in the U.S. Its beginning goes back to a group of Williams College students in 1806. By 1812, when the first missionaries set sail for foreign fields, the Board was begun on its program of "bringing human beings into the saving knowledge of God through Christ."

FRED FIELD GOODSELL

THE clearest thinking of our time about the world mission of the Christian churches was done last July at Whitby, Canada, at an enlarged meeting of the International Missionary Council.

WORLD EVANGELISM

"If one thing about the conference were to be singled out as most significant, it would be the concentrated emphasis on world evangelization. The slogan of a former day — 'evangelization of the world in this generation' — came back to life with a fresh sense of reality and of urgency. Today this objective no longer seems as unrealistic as we thought it was. For the first time in history a world-wide church is in existence. Though many parts are still immature they can join with west-

ern Christendom in the process of evangelization."

RINGS THE BELL

This renewed emphasis upon an expectant evangelism rings the bell in the minds of many missionaries and of the officers and members of our American Board for Foreign Missions. Why?

First, because such an emphasis helps us all to reaffirm, in principle and in practice, the fundamental missionary purpose of our Congregational Christian churches and of our American Board for Foreign Missions. Our main business is to practice and to communicate the Good News of the Christian gospel. Nothing irrelevant to that purpose has any part in our program. Everything relevant to it has a claim upon our consideration and support.

Secondly, this renewed emphasis upon evangelism rings the bell because it awakens fresh recognition of the world's fundamental need.

Peoples of many nations require food and clothing, shelter and employment, health and recreational services. But these are not all — for these might be supplied in full abundance while still the souls of men and nations remained unsatisfied and unredeemed. The deepest need of humanity today is for deliverance from evil. The greatest yearning is for spiritual food, for sustenance of the inner man, for Christ — the bread of life.

Thirdly, this renewed emphasis upon evangelism calls out response because it enables our American Board for Foreign Missions to mobilize a great body of workers and potential workers, and to unify their efforts in a common cause.

The main responsibility for evangelization in the world does not rest any longer upon the "foreign" missionary, but upon the "national Christian leaders." The chief function of the "foreign" missionary today is to train national Christian leaders and to supplement their work.

> The missionary Christian is overwhelmed by the conviction that in Christ he has found that which is ultimate and true. In the man of Galilee, the lonely figure on the cross, he has found the answer.
>
> WILLIS LAMOTT

A TESTIMONIAL

The meaning and significance of evangelism and these renewed emphases are well illustrated in the testimony at Whitby of Dr. Wen Yuen Chen, the honorary secretary of the National Christian Council of China and one of the most significant figures in all Christendom:

"I was brought up in a Confucian family," states Dr. Chen. "My father was a Confucian scholar. We were a large family of more than thirty members. All of us — parents, children, uncles, aunts and cousins — lived under one roof.

"At thirteen I entered a mission school in Foochow. This provided my first contact with a foreigner, with the Bible and with the church. All of these were often hostile to my thinking, and I became the leader of an opposition student group.

"It was before the establishment of the Republic of China, and all students in the school wore the then

Pastor Gabriel, one of our outstanding Indian pastors, accepts into church membership a young Indian girl who has found Christ through our Congregational Christian missions.

common Chinese queue, or long hair-braid — all except one who wore his hair short. This man was the leader of the Student Volunteers.

"I was attracted to him and we became roommates with the understanding that he would not talk to me about the Christian faith. This agreement he faithfully kept.

"About six months later, however, I decided to go with him and his group to conduct a street meeting. A Chinese man present at the meeting began to berate my friend for not wearing his hair long.

A NEW WORLD

"At that point I stepped forward and defended my friend, arguing that the custom of wearing the queue was itself foreign and had been imposed on the Chinese by the Manchus about 300 years ago. Then I went on, almost without being aware of it, to defend Christianity. A missionary, who was present, asked afterwards if I meant what I said.

"That night I did not sleep and was quite miserable. I was brought to a consciousness of my own sin. In

(Right) A picture of the 166 students in one of our mission schools in the Philippines who were received as church members in 1947.

(Above) A glimpse of the 3000 African men and women who recently accepted Christ and were accepted into church membership at an open-air communion service at our mission in Dondi.

our room was a picture of Christ praying in Gethsemane — my roommate's picture When the first rays of the morning sun entered the room they touched that picture and illuminated it for me. I went over and knelt by my friend's bed before that picture, and something there and then happened to me. I told my friend that I had become a Christian.

"When I went outside the whole universe seemed wonderfully different, more beautiful. It was a new world, and I was a new creature in it."

URGENCY OF PROGRAM

Observers of the work our missionaries are doing and others who know the situation in many fields point out conspicuous illustrations of the urgency of an immediately revitalized evangelism — the propagation of the Christian faith by word and deed.

Professor T. C. Chao, dean of the Yenching School of Religion at Peking, China, in the administration of which we Congregational Christians share, drove home the need of national leadership in this task by declaring at Whitby, "Already a third of China is closed to Christian evangelization and there may not be more than twenty years during which the other two-thirds will remain open."

The Reverend Lee D. Bergsman,

formerly associate pastor of Old South Church in Boston, recently arrived in Johannesburg in South Africa to take up the work being laid down by the veteran, the Reverend James Dexter Taylor. Mr. Bergsman writes that he is both humbled and amazed by the issues confronting Christian churches of all denominations in the Union of South Africa.

With these issues in view, he is now preparing himself and his National Christian colleagues for a great advance in the training of laymen for evangelism, with the clear recognition that where the integrity of human personality is at stake there is no substitute for the Christian gospel.

The forces attacking man's spiritual life exploit the pathetic willingness in human nature to obey, not the will of God, but the compulsions of fear, of class prejudice, of lust for self-power, and of self-love. Not only in Africa, but wherever these compulsions operate, men will barter their liberty as children of God for a delusive sense of security. Christian evangelism removes the compulsions and sets free the human spirit for creative living in a society of co-operative people.

EVANGELISM THROUGH LITERATURE

A striking example of evangelization through Christian literature is found in the work of Dean Levonian of the Near East School of Theology at Beirut, Lebanon.

Professor Levonian has supplemented his inspiring classroom teaching for twenty-five years with research and writing for Moslems. He has produced two extensive series of brochures dealing with fundamental questions about religion and the Christian life, such as, *What Is Religion?, Truth in Religion, What Shall We Think of Jesus Christ?, The Inspiration of the Bible, Eternal Life,* and similar subjects. These were written originally in Turkish but have been translated, published and widely distributed in other languages, notably Arabic, Persian, Hindi and Chinese.

With the Bible as their base, they have proved to be an extraordinarily effective means for bringing the Christian message to the Islamic world.

OUR PRIMARY CONCERN

Evangelism in all its varied forms and modes is therefore our primary concern. We are called to address ourselves to this task with all the insight, energy and devotion that we have.

The need of the world demands it. The gospel defines its scope. The person and purpose of our Lord Jesus Christ empower it. There can be no hope for peace, for world order or for human welfare except as related to the Christian faith.

Men and women must be won to individual and to collective discipleship on a global scale. The world will be lost if we lose it by default. It is a matter of life and death. For Jesus came, not to condemn the world, but to save it.

The missionaries of our American Board for Foreign Missions are being led into closer fellowship with leaders of churches in many lands by a great reaffirmation of the fundamental purpose — the evangelization of the human race, before it is too late and by sharing deeply and dynamically in the new movement for an expectant evangelism. That which was born at Whitby in July, 1947, may well prepare the way for a new humanity in the years that stretch into the future towards the goal of man's existence on the earth.

Dr. Goodsell is the Executive Vice-President of our American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

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THE ROADWAYS AND OCEAN-LANES OF MISSION SERVICE REACH TO AFRICA.

AFRICA

Our early Congregational Christian missionaries found the people of Africa fabulously responsive. The promise of the gospel roused great expectations in the African hearts and minds. But — because of inadequate support, our missions are today limping along with too few workers — and only lip service to the only Cause which can save the world.

JOHN A. REULING

A GIANT is awakening from his sleep! After centuries of dormant isolation the mighty people of Africa, brought forcibly into contact with the good and the evil of our western world, are becoming ultra-conscious of their unenviable position among the peoples of the world. They are beginning to feel their own strength.

CONDITIONS IN AFRICA

The old-time slavery, which the Africans once accepted as inevitable and its modern successor, commercial and industrial exploitation, are stirring up popular resentment and, in some places, fierce and violent rage. For the African, aspiring to take his rightful place in world affairs, finds himself shackled by political, economic and social chains forged by light-skinned late-comers to his land.

In most parts of Africa, black men have no part in political life. They are barred by law from learning or engaging in skilled occupations — crafts and professions for which they have proven themselves eminently capable. In the Union of South Africa four million white people occupy more than eighty per cent of the land, while seven million Africans are crowded into the remaining bit, on land often unfit for cultivation.

For performing exactly the same tasks, no more skillfully or conscientiously, a white man receives from five to ten times as much as a black man. Africans are even prohibited by legislation from organizing for the purpose of bettering their condition and general welfare.

Is it any wonder that some outraged Africans insist that the course which other subject peoples have taken during the last few years — the way of revolution and bloodshed — offers the only hope of freedom? Is it any wonder that all over that vast continent little groups of desperate men are turning willing ears to those who preach organized violence?

WHICH WAY FREEDOM?

Yet, the picture is not all dark and ominous. There is in it a ray of light, for tens of thousands of Africans, aided and inspired by Christian missions, have become active practitioners of the Christian life. Almost without exception those of education and influence — and there is a surprising number of professing, active Christians among them — are committed to the discovery of deliverance from their difficulties, if that is possible, by methods of constructive goodwill.

In these tense times when any local flare-ups may touch off a world-wide conflagration, the brightest hope, so far as Africa is concerned, lies in the fact that out of her teeming millions, one in every thirty to thirty-five is a communicant member of a Christian church, and that there are other millions of professing Christians who have not yet attained the high standards required for actual church membership.

These men and women wish, as Christians, to live at peace with those from other lands, and they look to us for help and leadership in training leaders from their own number to find a right and peaceful way out of their troubles.

THREE MISSIONS

Our Congregational Christian churches conduct three missions in all Africa. The oldest — the South Africa Mission — was founded in 1835. By 1890, a self-governing and to a large extent self-supporting church had been founded. This mission pioneered in teacher training and in industrial education. Today,

A great outdoor congregation of women (below) listens to the gospel story at one of our missions. Whatever else the Christian faith can do for the dwellers on Africa's vast continent, it does give them, first and foremost, that recognition of their own worth which Jesus and his gospel make real to all who believe. This is evangelism in its most redemptive function.

These calico-clad young Africans (above) are doing their sums as their native teacher poses problems for them in our mission school in Angola, Portuguese West Africa. The training of competent "nationals" for our mission schools and churches is one of our most vital tasks.

Adams College and Inanda Seminary for girls are important factors in the country's life.

Medical work, begun early, has now developed into our large and well-equipped McCord Hospital, the Alexandra Health Clinic and the Bridgman Memorial Hospital — all located in Durban.

Rapid industrialization, following the discovery of gold, created huge cities and tremendous concentrations of population, entirely unprepared for such mass existence. Here again the mission pioneered, and the social work that was started in Johannesburg has become a model for the whole country. Through all this growth the church has remained the inspiring central force.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA

Again, in Southern Rhodesia, teacher training, industrial training and medical work were built around a growing church. Founded in 1893, the mission has come through many trials. The African church which

finally grew out of the mission is now perfecting plans to carry the full financial responsibility for its program.

West Central Africa, in Angola, is the largest of our African fields. With its hundreds of miles of distance to be traveled by lone missionaries, with its tens of thousands of communicant church members and its hundreds of thousands of adherents, with its hundreds of self-supporting chapels and churches, it is an inspiration to us all. Founded in 1860, our mission, operating jointly with that of the United Church of Canada, is the leader in church development, in education, in agricultural work and medical service. It is the only agency throughout most of central Angola which is devoted to helping people to improve their lot.

OPPORTUNITIES IN AFRICA

In this day of profound change all over Africa, our Christian missions have a series of significant and pressing opportunities.

The *first* is evangelism. For, whatever else the Christian faith can do for the dwellers on Africa's vast continent, it does give them, first and foremost, that recognition of their own worth as human beings which Jesus and his gospel make real to everyone who believes.

NO SUBSTITUTE

There is no other way than by the preaching and teaching of this truth that Africa and its people may be saved from spiritual frustration — the terrible, vice-like grip of humiliation, repressed anger, fear and, ultimately, an insensate drive for revenge. This is evangelism in its simple, redemptive function. There is no substitute for it. There is nothing else that will do!

A *second* imperative task is to maintain an effective corps of missionaries from our churches in the United States so that the African people may have visible and convincing evidence that Christians of the United States feel concern and

An evangelistic bicycle team starts off from one of our missions in Angola for a neighboring community. "In these tense times in Africa, her brightest hope," states the author, "lies in the fact that out of her teeming millions, one in every thirty to thirty-five is a Christian."

love for them. Suffering as they do so much misery from our commercial and industrial system, they need to be shown that the white man's civilization contains something more than exploiters and oppressors. Our missions can perform that function as no other agency is qualified to do.

In the *third* place, there is the training of competent leaders for churches, schools, social centers and hospitals.

Strikingly successful work in this field has already been done. But modern conditions demand even higher skills, and as yet the Africans cannot supply them for themselves. They must have direction, and this they are not able to provide without our help. Our present institutions, if given more generous support, are amply equipped to meet a large part of this need.

TRAINING PROGRAM

Particularly urgent is the demand for strengthening the program for training Christians for pastoral service. Our missions have done a good job in preparing pastors for churches in agricultural Africa, for many of these men have been outstanding.

But the sudden and unforeseen shift from agriculture to industrialization has produced baffling conditions that demand more expert and intensive preparation for pastoral work. This requires the addition of more missionaries to the field and increased funds for buildings.

THEY SHARE THE LOAD

The needs of our African brethren are not peculiar. They are those of human beings everywhere. It is not their fault that their requirements are proportionately greater at the present time than those in other lands. It is, however, our opportunity. They do not ask for charity. All they hope for is our brotherly help. And in every case where assistance has been given they have come very soon to share the load and often they have taken it over altogether.

> **Although Sadhu Solomon had studied only up to the second grade in school he had had a real conversion. Many are the congregations in this missionary field that owe their present unity and their buildings to his evangelistic zeal.**
>
> ARTHUR J. BROWN

A FORK IN THE ROAD

Africa is advancing *én masse*. But it is nearing a fork in the road. One leads — through learning, cooperation, hard work and Christian fellowship — to peace. The other goes down to a pit whose evil depths we cannot fathom.

With the help of Congregational Christians in America, Africans may choose the first road. Or, we can block that way, forcing them to take the other. Africans desire to follow the path that is right and good. But at this moment they need our encouragement and fellowship, of which they have proven themselves worthy a hundred times over. The next step in Africa is up to us.

Mr. Reuling served as a missionary in Africa under the auspices of our American Board for Foreign Missions from 1927 to 1941. He is now Secretary for Africa.

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THE DIMENSIONS OF OUR SERVICE TO INDIA IS THE SIZE OF YOUR GIFTS.

INDIA

There is no land to be compared with India as a ground for mature Christian development in our day. There is no land where, devoid of Christian influence, a calamity on a vaster scale is so inescapable. Cultural traditions, supported solely by custom, are disintegrating. The way is open for Christ and his redemptive love in India's future.

RAYMOND A. DUDLEY

EVENTS in India have moved with startling rapidity, the unexpected combining with what had been anticipated to create a situation both dynamic and confused.

POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE

Who could have predicted one year ago that India would be divided into Hindu and Moslem nations, both of them politically independent? Who would have believed that as soon as freedom had been achieved the people of India — Hindus, Moslems and Sikhs — would commence a reign of terror in which life and property meant nothing comparable to the sadistic delight of compensating for decades of repression. Such violence, however, has gradually been restricted in its spread and is now confined largely to northwestern India.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Religious liberty and the rights of minorities have meanwhile been officially affirmed, though the enforcement of such civil rights may be difficult in the days ahead. Widespread disorder has hampered rationing and, as in other parts of the world, prices are very high. There is not only suffering among the people because of inflation, but the cost of mission work has sharply increased. Yet, in and through all these difficulties, there rises a mighty upsurging of hope and aspiration. There is the will to advance. And those who seek to help India, as humble and understanding friends, are assured of an eager welcome and opportunities without end.

Specifically what may we do? Indeed, what must we Congregational Christians do in India — dynamic and confused?

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH

In the first place, we may and must strengthen the church in India so that it can become a worthy and useful instrument of nurture to those within its fellowship and of Christian witness to those outside its circle whom it hopes to serve.

Government and private agencies will increasingly address themselves to soil and agricultural improvements, to an industrial development devoid of the traditional exploitation, to medical care and to education, though of necessity these efforts will be hampered by obstacles which only gradually can be overcome. But the task of evangelization, of fostering Christian living and of building the church falls entirely upon the Christian community in India — with our help.

The same tasks in the United States call for devotion and skill, and require heavy expenditures of funds and effort. A high order of devotion is necessary to keep alive the gospel among a people who for generations have accepted the Christian faith as part of their inheritance.

How much greater discernment and skill and perseverance are de-

> **The church in India gives itself to the task of evangelism with a zest the churches in the West might well emulate; the gospel is proclaimed and largely accepted as the business of the congregation as a whole.**
>
> **J. Z. Hodge**

Our missionary nurse, Dorothy S. Hoath, R.N., admits out-patients to the Dispensary of our Women's and Children's Hospital in Madura, India. The author states that one of our major responsibilities in India today is to keep our medical institutions professionally excellent.

A group of our highly trained nurses (above) of our hospital in Madura. (Right) Gertrude E. Chandler, distinguished missionary since 1908, chats with one of her Indian students.

manded in presenting the gospel in India in such a manner that it may find a worthy and sufficient embodiment in a truly Indian church. It involves an investment of life and money far above and beyond that which we have thus far been willing to make. A clearly understood and intrepid purpose to help build the Christian church in India is a major part of the obligation that rests on our churches in the United States. And this is a major objective of a comprehensive evangelism.

RAISING THE STANDARDS

In the second place, we may and must make and keep our educational and medical institutions professionally excellent and profoundly Christian in every possible respect.

Specifically, that means the successful carrying out of the following program: (a) Training leaders for adequate service to the church and to society; (b) Evangelizing non-Christians; (c) Setting a high institutional standard; (d) Increasing the number and value of services to be offered in the communities of India.

Too insistent a pressure for immediate self-support and too great a reliance upon governmental grants lead inevitably to compromises and to gradual secularization. They introduce a tendency to reverse the order of the four items in our program set forth above, until, in practice, they are turned upside down to the detriment of the entire work.

DEVELOPING INDIAN LEADERSHIP

In the third place, we may and must develop a more adequate Indian leadership. The day calls for Christian leaders with Indian background who have had unusual opportunities for education and travel — opportunities which are comparable to those which

every missionary is expected to have had. They must also be so deeply grounded in their commitment to Christ that, amidst the complexities of social, economic and political life in contemporary India, they may remain constant in their inward vision and Christian devotion, despite all external pressures.

Generations of experience have proven that such radiant personalities as have matured their Christian faith within the rich context of Indian culture are exceptionally able to transmit their own power to the people from whom they sprang.

THE WAY IS OPEN

These words were written on the day when the Church of South India was established and confirmed by a union between the Congregational, the Presbyterian and the Episcopal denominations. The importunate prayers of many long years are being answered in our time. The way is open to go forward! Who knows what another year may bring to India? It is for us to act today by whatever light we have and in confidence that more light will break forth for our guidance as it is needed.

Mr. Dudley was a missionary in India under the auspices of our American Board for Foreign Missions from 1919 to 1943. He is now Secretary for India.

(Left) Dr. and Mrs. Edward Wheeler Wilder of our Willis F. Pierce Memorial Hospital in India. (Below) A worship service is conducted every morning and evening for all the nurses.

STORY OF OUR MISSIONS RUNS LIKE A GOLDEN THREAD THROUGH CHINA.

CHINA

Christian evangelism and education are playing a better and nobler part than ever, for the people of China are wearied of worn-out shibboleths and are ready for good news. During the war, our missionaries so completely identified themselves with China and showed themselves ready to share in her fate, that they won the hearts of millions.

HAROLD S. MATTHEWS

FOR 100 years in the Foochow area and for eighty-seven years in North China missionaries of our Congregational Christian churches have been pressing their evangelistic effort.

The earliest missionaries thought it necessary to draw Chinese Christians completely out of their cultural environment, and regarded conversion as an act of renunciation of the entire way of life to which the new church members had been accustomed.

MISSIONS EXPANDED

It was not long before they saw that such a process would not save China or the Chinese. The blind, the diseased, the crippled, the illiterate, the poverty-stricken came to the mission stations with their problems of health and food. The missionaries

saw that these needs must be met as an evangelistic responsibility, along with the spiritual redemption that Christ's representatives are charged to preach.

A ministry in the name of Christ to all physical, mental and spiritual needs is accepted today as the extension, into the whole of life, of the pure evangelistic spirit. To add a quality of disinterested love to all phases of individual and community existence has become the rule of Christian churchmanship in China, both for missionaries and for national workers under our American Board for Foreign Missions.

ADVANCE THROUGH CHAOS

How to make evangelism more fruitful in every respect has kept our China missions on the alert. But in Helen Smith's phrase, we have had to "advance through chaos" — not an entirely novel condition for the work of historic evangelism during the last 2,000 years! We weathered successfully the storms of the war ordeal: now, we, with the Chinese leaders, are moving through and beyond the frustrations of the disillusioning period since the war.

The return to China of fifty missionaries has strengthened our resolve to enter the open doors of opportunity which we see on every hand. Here are a few examples:

CHRISTIAN ESSENTIALS

(1) Dr. Raymond B. Blakney and the Reverend P. H. Wang, working together, recently gave a series of lectures on the essentials of Christianity to crowds of students who flocked in increased numbers each day to the Teng Shih K'ou Church in Peiping to hear what they had to say.

One of our Chinese mission teachers explains (below) the meaning of "The Lord is my Shepherd," aided by a poster showing Jesus leading two Chinese boys. Williams-Porter Hospital (circle) serves the community of Tehsien.

The education of the children of China is an evangelistic responsibility of our missionaries. (Left) A group of workers holds a noonday devotional service of song and prayer.

These lectures were then printed in pamphlet form (Chinese and English in parallel columns) for general distribution. Thus the evangelical Christian faith, with its message of personal and social redemption, was presented to thousands of young students.

SOCIAL SERVICE

(2) When Ruth Van Kirk returned to Tientsin she set up a Board of Managers for the Social Service Center there. Factory owners provided a place for her nursery school. CNRRA agreed to furnish milk for noonday lunches. The factory management gave her beds, mattresses, tables, chairs, fuel, water, electricity, the services of their doctor, and toys for the children whose plight in these industrialized communities is pitiable by any standard.

PUBLIC HEALTH

(3) Nurse Helen Disney has been looking forward for years to the day when we would be supporting a Department of Public Health in North China. Now her dream is coming true, at Tungshien, where she is organizing public health services under

(Left, center) A Christian pastor demonstrates to some of his farmer parishioners the art of grafting fruit trees. (Left) A young Christian Chinese preaches the gospel to a street crowd.

the interdenominational North China Christian Rural Service Union. Lectures on disease-prevention are already being given. Home visitation by nurses, with health inspection, will follow.

Although her campaign has barely begun, the prospects are exceedingly bright for a work of functional evangelism which will make the task of preaching far more promising than it could be without such prior demonstrations of what Christianity can do for needs of humanity.

NEW MISSIONARIES

(4) Thanks to the interest and response of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, our Shaowu Mission in China has reopened this year. The national workers had been "holding the fort with unflagging courage."

In March, 1947, the Reverend and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson and Dr. Edward C. Riggs arrived and with their coming the rejuvenation began! Nurse Frances Whitaker joined them in September. Meanwhile, the Reverend Robert E. Chandler was present for the Mission's Annual Meeting.

A strong Board of Hospital Managers has been set up by the Chinese themselves; a prominent Chinese physician serves as hospital superintendent, and Dr. Riggs is assisting at every step along the way.

Requests have reached the American Board for Foreign Missions from Shaowu urging the despatch of twelve new missionary teachers, ministers and medical personnel, as well as increased funds for the general work.

FOOCHOW CENTENNIAL

With the return of our missionary staff to Foochow, the hospital, the high schools, the churches have quickly taken heart and are making enthusiastic plans for the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Foochow Mission. In line with new developments, a motion picture film in color with sound is being taken this year at Foochow and will be given its premiere showing during the next General Council of our denomination at Oberlin in 1948.

The Reverend E. Walter Smith has commenced his service as Executive Secretary of the Foochow Mission, and plans are being laid for the strengthening of the whole church in that populous area. Through mobile evangelistic teams made up of both American missionaries and Chinese Christians, through the use of visual aids, through the establishment of lay-training classes, through an organized movement for the building of Christian homes, through scholarships granted to outstanding and promising Chinese young people, through the employment of many other improved methods for the promotion of Christian faith in China — the church is preparing for the vast undertaking which now beckons us so insistently.

A NEW ERA

A life far more abundant than ever known in China through its entire history is certain to result from this nation-wide program of advance if our Congregational Christian churches will do their full part.

This can be done only by the eager response of our people to the Post-war Emergency Program with all that they possess of spiritual, financial and material resources. For, once this Program has succeeded, a new era of missionary progress and of expectant evangelism in our fellowship will be already under way.

Mr. Matthews was a missionary in China under the auspices of our American Board for Foreign Missions from 1922 to 1942. He is now Secretary for China.

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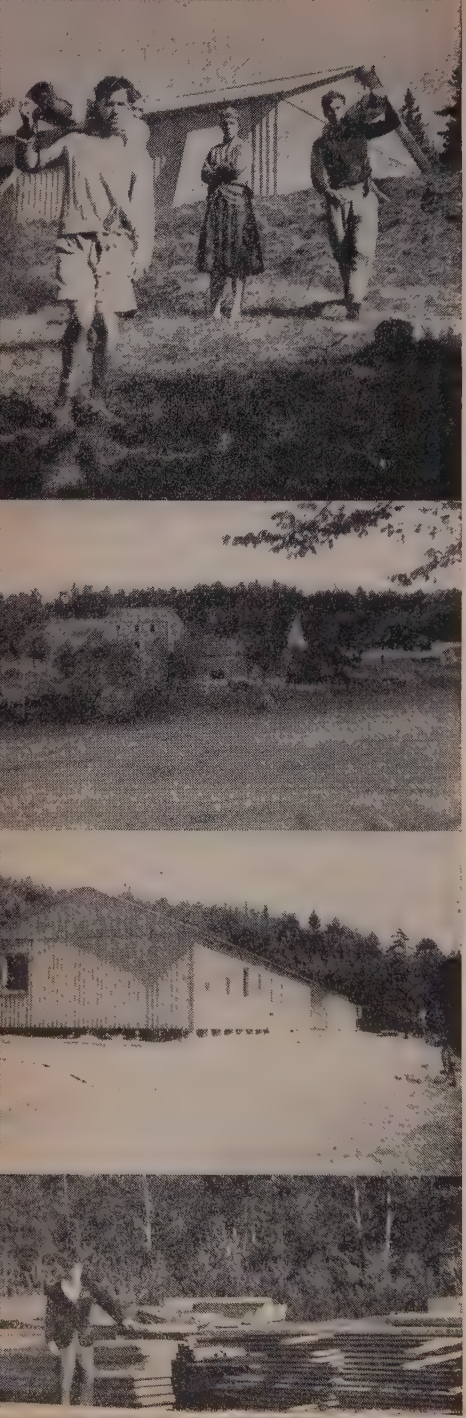

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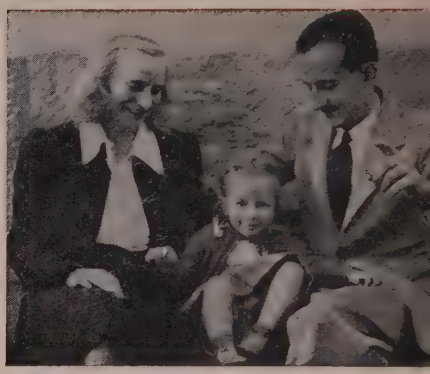


Elsie and Howard Schomer (above) with their daughter are our representatives at Chambon in the midst of a Protestant people who are in physical, but especially, spiritual need.

AN earlier article in *The Missionary Herald* has explained in detail how we happen to be American Board for Foreign Missions representatives in Chambon-sur-Lignon, Haute Loire, France. It also described, in general, what we are doing here.

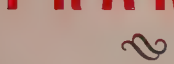
A PLACE OF HEALING

In brief, the facts are these: As soon as the instruments of destruction had ceased in Europe to perform their unbelievable horror, two Protestant French pastors of the Protestant Huguenot tradition arrived in the United States to lay before our churches a plan they had conceived for a living center of Protestant faith

Views (left) of Le Collège Cévenol which, by the consecrated labor of students, faculty, our American Board for Foreign Missions, and our Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction, is slowly being helped out of the bivouac period of its history into new life.

WE ARE AT WORK AMONG PROTESTANTS DISHEARTENED BY WAR'S AFTERMATH.

FRANCE



Two French pastors came to the U.S. following the war's end to lay before our churches a plan for the creation of a vital center of Protestant faith in France — a place of healing and evangelism in le Chambon-sur Lignon. The dream has worked out wonderfully well and here is a gripping tale of what Jesus means to those at le Collège Cévenol.

HOWARD F. SCHOMER

in France — a place of reconciliation, healing and evangelism to be located in Chambon-sur-Lignon in the Cévennes.

The project caught the imagination of our Congregational Christian Fellowship. Our American Board for Foreign Missions and our Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction responded. And so, here we are — working and living and worshiping with the students and teachers at Collège Cévenol and with the villagers and peasants of Chambon.

If the consecrated labor of our principal, M. Theis, together with the help of the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction and our American Board for Foreign Missions, is slowly leading the college out of the bivouac period of its history, a parallel psychological and spiritual development is also taking place in the lives of our students.

A PERSONAL STORY

The personal story of André Guyonnaud, president of the pre-theological students at the college, will give you some idea of what I mean.

André is a steady, thoughtful, hard-working senior, always in the front row before my classroom desk, his mind as well as his notebook gradually amassing the many details required for the French baccalaureate examination. Looking at this quiet scholar, almost my own age, it is difficult to imagine his war-time experiences. And he is only one of a considerable number of our students who have undergone experiences during the war years which we Americans find unimaginable.

Guyonnaud told us one evening how he and twenty-four other students of the college were awakened in the early hours of a June morning in 1943 by a Gestapo raid of their dormitory; how they had all been taken to Germany where their proctor, Daniel Trocmé, a cousin of our pastor, was known to have been killed; how most of the others have never been heard from again; and how he had found himself separated from all the others, a slave at Buchenwald.

BUCHENWALD

The back-breaking subterranean work, the slow starvation, the bestial herd existence, the flashes of perverted savagery among inmates and guards alike, the systematic annihilation of all worn-out slaves, the clandestine prayer meetings of a few Christians — all these incredible scenes passed before us in our own living room through Guyonnaud's matter-of-fact account.

Then he told of the approach of the Allied troops to the gates of Buchenwald, the thrill of hope that shot through the ranks of the enslaved, only to die when some of their number were suddenly machine-gunned and others, of whom Guyonnaud was one, were herded into trucks and freight cars for a ten-day trip without food or drink and often

> Human solvents of the world's ills have failed. Such failure is a reminder to the church that only as individuals and groups surrender themselves to be agents of the Spirit of God will the church go forward.
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> CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

under bombardment, that ended in Ravensbrueck, another hell-hole like Buchenwald.

Guyonnaud closed his narrative with the exciting incidents of his liberation by the Russians and his repatriation by the Americans. His whole account, splendidly and seriously French, marked neither by understatement nor melodrama, left us still more deeply aware of the privilege that is ours — to work with such people as students, as colleagues, as fellow-Christians.

But — and this is the point of my article — not only is Guyonnaud, liberated like the college from the stalking terror of the occupation, studying hard and training for his contribution to the future, he is already starting to help build the New Europe that must be, the only Europe that can continue to exist, from the very bottom where the devastated countries now lie.

THE NEW EUROPE

The next Sunday when I was driving to a German prisoner-of-war camp I met André and two of his classmates on the road. One of them had been interned by the Swiss when he fled from a German slave-labor camp. Rather tentatively, I asked them if they would like to accompany me. They would.

The prisoners, knowing from me who Guyonnaud was and what he had gone through, listened to his brief message, given in the halting German he had picked up in concentration camps. And this was, in substance, his message:

"Europe lies in ruins. Hate cannot rebuild it. Hate can build nothing. Only love — Christ's gift — can save the world."

The prisoners — reflective — listened. And André's message is our message, as representatives of our American Board for Foreign Missions.

And not only in works may this message be given, for the lives of those who have descended into hell for the love of Christ speak more persuasively than any language framed by the most eloquent lips. So, when they speak in their native tongue, whether it be French or English, the word is clearly understood, since it so evidently comes from the Christ-enkindled heart.

LIBERATED CHARACTER

Thus, in Chambon-sur-Lignon in the Cévennes, we, with our French colleagues, humbly seek to carry on the ageless evangelistic tradition — as ancient as the first experience that man had with Jesus in Galilee and Calvary — as contemporary as the fellowship with him of those disciples in our own day who "saw their master in the sky" beyond the torture chamber and who "called on him to save," not themselves, but a world which without him would perish and be lost forever.

Mr. Schomer is a representative of our Congregational Christian churches in Chambon-sur-Lignon, France.

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"LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN"

Glenn A. Rowles

The questionnaire which ministers and church clerks fill out each January for the Congregational Year Book gives an analysis of members received and dismissed during the preceding year.

Few reports are sent in to the Conference office which do not list some members as "dropped." They may live in the parish and community but are inactive, indifferent. Some may have moved elsewhere but the local church has not maintained contact with them and the church in the community where they now live may not know of their presence. Others who took their church letters when they moved have left them packed away in mothballs in some forgotten trunk.

One of the places where the average church is most remiss is in maintaining a vital contact with all members as long as they are members, whether active, inactive or absentee. True, members have a responsibility to live up to their Christian profession and church covenant, but the church also has a responsibility for shepherding its sheep as long as they are not in some other fold.

WHAT ONE CHURCH DOES

(1) In one church the minister writes all absentee members once a year (usually a mimeographed letter personally signed), giving the highlights of the past year's program and a glimpse ahead, assuming that, since they are still members, they are still interested in "their church."

(2) A second contact is made through a letter from the director of the Every Member Canvass, enclosing an analysis of the new budget and a pledge card, and asking for the financial support of all members who, though absentee, are assumed to wish to continue their regular giving, inasmuch as they have not yet chosen to ask for their church letters and join elsewhere. The number of absentees who respond is surprising.

(3) When members move elsewhere the minister notifies promptly the pastor of the church where they normally should establish their church home, using the double-postal, printed "Church Absentee Notice" card provided by the Commission on Evangelism, 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10. It saves time checking the information relative to the absentees and their families. The reply card is returned to the home pastor, indicating the newcomers have been contacted. Thus, they are not lost by default.

Too many of our Congregational members are "lost, strayed or stolen"

because the average church fails to keep members aware of their obligations and opportunities. Let's salvage the lost before they are beyond the pale of some church's ministry. It will brighten our unimpressive statistical report and greatly strengthen the Kingdom of God.

GLENN A. ROWLES.

FORMER MODERATOR TO COURT JUDGESHIP

Philip H. Richards, member of First Church, Los Angeles, and former moderator and treasurer of the Congregational Conference of Southern California and the Southwest, was one of the seven men appointed by Gov. Warren on September 19 to Superior Court judgeships in Los Angeles.

Mr. Richards has been a resident of Los Angeles since 1899 and a practicing attorney since 1921. He has been most active in the work of the Conference, being chairman of the committee which initiated the Church Extension Crusade for $100,000, two-thirds of which has been underwritten. We congratulate Mr. Richards upon his appointment to this high office.

SERVICE OF ORDINATION

DeWitt Joseph Brady, who was graduated in June from Chicago Theological Seminary, was ordained to the Christian ministry in his home church, the Church of the Messiah, on September 14.

Participating were the Rev. Reynold B. Boden, pastor; the Rev. Edward D. Gaylord, who addressed the candidate; the Rev. Peter J. Jansen, who gave the right hand of fellowship; Dean Robert E. Fitch of Occidental College, who preached the sermon; Frederick J. Holley of England, World Fellow at Chicago Theological Seminary; the Rev. James A. Peterson, and Supt. Nelson C. Dreier, who spoke on "The Vision of the Church."

Mr. Brady is now in England, where he will be assistant to the moderator of the Lancastershire Congregational Association for two years and minister of an industrial church in London.

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"God has put Christians in the world to do the impossible."—*Samuel Armstrong.*

CONCERNING CHURCH CALENDARS

The editor of *The Pilgrim Frontier* appreciates receiving from many of our churches their weekly calendars, which he reads thoroughly.

Some are printed, some are mimeographed, some are multigraphed, some are run off on a ditto machine. Each can be neat and attractive.

But some are so crowded with material that they lose their attractiveness and readability. A column which is not broken up into paragraphs or a page which does not have adequate margins taxes the eye and dulls the interest. It is sometimes better to condense what you have to say and leave something to the imagination.

The printed page is tremendously important and the weekly calendar can "make friends and influence people" if the impulse to fill every bit of space is restrained in the interest of brevity, dignity, effectiveness.

Most calendars coming to the conference desk are excellently done.

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The Superintendent Says:

Nelson C. Dreier

AN EMERGENCY—CWVR

Word has come that our churches have given only half as much to the Committee on War Victims and Reconstruction to date this year as in the comparable period of 1946. This is an appalling drop in face of the tragic need. Does this mean that we have become so engrossed in our own interests and affairs that we have lost our concern for suffering people around the world?

I sincerely hope that the above fact simply indicates that all of our churches are planning an all-out year-end effort that will bring our giving up to the $2.00 per capita minimum or more. THE NEED IS STILL VERY GREAT.

RONALD BRIDGES SAYS

Ronald Bridges, our past General Council moderator, recently wrote in reaction to our sacrificial giving plan, which urges us to reach at least $2.00 per member per year for War Victims: "Think of the great Congregational fellowship sacrificing, SACRIFICING, two dollars a year." He concludes, "We Americans have so much to be thankful for that it chills me to contemplate our forwardness."

HOW TO DO IT

The Thanksgiving season would be an ideal time for an all-out effort to gather funds for this purpose. You may like the idea of using the appeal for relief to suffering children during December, culminating on Christmas Sunday.

This we do know — wherever the appeal is sincerely made people are more than willing to give. We are all anxious that the churches of our conference see to it that we carry our share of the relief program of Church World Service and the other worthy agencies supported by our Committee on War Victims and Reconstruction. Be sure to channel all relief funds through the Conference office or the national office of the Committee.

NEW CHURCHES

I have recently had the privilege of meeting with our new churches at Paradise Hills, south of San Diego, and Woodland Hills, in the north end of the San Fernando Valley. Both groups were meeting out of doors for lack of a building. In Paradise Hills Sunday School is held in five different homes. Both projects are making splendid progress. We can help through our contributions to the Conference Church Extension Crusade. Send checks to Conference Office, 3125 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles 16, California.

Nelson C. Dreier

DEATH OF TWO PROMINENT LAYMEN

Our conference fellowship suffered a distinct loss in the death of Sherman Goble, of our LaMesa church, last summer, active in laymen's work, and the death of Prof. Kenneth Duncan, of Clarement, on Sept. 23, head of the Department of Economics, Pomona College, and chairman of the West Coast of Mexico Commission.

MINISTERS AND WIVES' FALL RETREAT

A fall retreat at Pilgrim Pines for Congregational ministers and their wives was held for the first time on Sept. 8-11 with forty-four present.

Three lectures on the prophets were given by Dr. A. G. Wehrli of Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Mo. Other seminar leaders and speakers were Miss Helen Kenyon and Ralph R. Schrader of New York, the Rev. Charles Franklin Parker, the Rev. Geo. W. Haskell, the Rev. James H. More, Mrs. John C. Wiley and Supt. Nelson C. Dreier. The wives held two workshop periods simultaneously with one for the ministers.

THE INQUIRING REPORTER

The Inquiring Reporter asked this question: "What are your impressions of the Ministers' and Wives' Retreat? Should it be held again next year?"

Below are three replies:

The very wonderful response and co-operation which the ministers' wives gave to the "Workshop for Ministers' Wives" at Pilgrim Pines made this new venture seem decidedly worthwhile. Each person was eager to discuss the problems common to us all. The unique function which we agreed we should strive to fulfill include the following:

Encouraging the church and minister by the right attitudes and atmosphere of serenity and service.

Inspiring others to be good leaders.

Being a bridge between our church women and the World Christian Community.

Glorifying the Christian home as a noble career.

Proving that a life of simplicity can also be full of joy and that material things are not as important as eternal values.

Our only regret was that there were so few of us at the conference and that we could not meet more frequently. I wish to express by appreciation to you for a well-organized and most enjoyable camp conference.

Evelyn R. Wiley, San Diego.

Mrs. Bond and I have talked over the Ministers' and Wives' Retreat many times since returning home. We are both agreed that Dr. Wehrli's lectures alone were more than worth the effort and time it took to be there.

Coming as it did at the close of summer vacations, it also had its inspirational value to get back home and dig in again. Perhaps a little more time could be given to our Conference problems another time and not quite so much to our National Boards.

And, if at all possible, I am sure we would have a much better attendance if the conference were held a week or two earlier. It was just about the hardest week to leave one's parish, unless it were the week preceding Easter or Christmas. In any case I promise you I would again make the effort to be there.

Lester E. Bond, San Diego.

I left the Ministers' and Wives' Retreat with only one regret — not enough of our ministers had come. It is my opinion that this new venture will become one of the greatest events of our conference fellowship. To me the days spent with others at Pilgrim Pines, though it was necessary to change fall plans slightly, were of real value, both as to the in-

spiration and the new emphases that came for the fall program.

Our leadership was fine and certainly to miss the lectures by Dr. Wehrli was to sustain a loss not easily to be regained. Miss Helen Kenyon contributed much, as did others, and Glenn Rowles was "cast" in an entirely new and varied role. Nelson Dreier is a great Camp Manager — which means the food was excellent and bountiful.

CHARLES FRANKLIN PARKER, Prescott
Conference Moderator.

Raymond H. Giffin

Jean Yodor Giffin

NEW MISSIONARIES COMMISSIONED

A commissioning service for the Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Giffin was held on Sunday, September 14, in the First Church of Pasadena. The Women's Guild of the church has underwritten the support of these new missionaries, who for the past year have been studying the Chinese language at Yale. Many people in the church have helped provide needed supplies and equipment for their missionary work.

Mr. Giffin was born in China of missionary parents and he now returns to the people he knows and loves. Mrs. Giffin possesses a wide range of talents and capabilities which fit her well for the chosen work. They will carry on young people's religious and vocational work in the mission high school in Foochow.

Among those participating in the commissioning service were the Rev. Raymond A. Waser, the Rev. Robert W. McClure, the Rev. Peter J. Jansen, all of First Church; the Rev. Stuart L. Anderson of Long Beach and a member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board; Quenton R. De Young, Dean of Chapman College, and Robert D. Brown, Moderator of First Church. Mr. and Mrs. Giffin also spoke.

Laymen's Fellowship Retreat

Pilgrim Pines, Sept. 27-28, 1947

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE RETREAT

Ninety laymen from twenty-six churches attended the annual meeting and convocation at Pilgrim Pines on Sept. 27-28. On Saturday evening Seido Ogawa, Vincent Claypool, John A. Vieg and Walter A. Graham spoke on "Barriers to a Christian World," followed by a stirring address by Dr. Allan A. Hunter.

Blake Franklin conducted the chapel period Sunday morning. A panel consisting of C. Milo Connick, Walter A. Graham, Nelson C. Dreier and Cass Arthur Reed considered "What Can We Do About a Christian World?" through "Our Personal Lives," "The Laymen's Fellowship," "The Conference," and "The World-Wide Christian Enterprise."

Walter A. Graham, Director, National Laymen's Fellowship, spoke on "Being Christian Today" at the morning worship service. The offering for War Victims and Reconstruction was $91.45.

The consistently high quality of the addresses, the wonderful meals, the marvelous fellowship, and the sense of Christian commitment which pervaded the sessions, all made this the finest fall retreat in a splendid series.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Dr. William C. Jones, president for the past two years, who has given such wonderful leadership to our laymen's work, turned over his office to Joe Moody, mattress manufacturer. Other new officers were Baylor Brooks, vice president, and Cecil Cunningham, secretary-treasurer. Three other directors elected were A. C. Hill, Prescott, Ariz.; Robert E. Jones, Glendale, and Otto Knudsen, Redlands.

A planning conference of the board of directors of fifteen was held at the home of Joe Moody on Oct. 20 and an aggressive year's program may be expected.

TO COMPLETE THE JEEP PROJECT

Cash and pledges received at the Pilgrim Pines meeting toward the purchase of a jeep station wagon for our missionaries in Mazatlan, Mexico, totaled $430.00. Previously pledged, $1,169.24. The amount still needed is $424.92.

FINDINGS OF THE FALL RETREAT

Implications and suggestions:

1. Panels less loaded with speakers and more time allowed for discussion.

2. Plan the Fall Retreat to provide time for seminars on specific problems, each seminar to be under the direction of a trained discussion leader, and the reports of the panels to be brought back to the general meeting.

3. Fall Retreat speakers to provide outlines or texts of their talks for the record of the meeting, same to be sent out to those attending the Retreat, as well as to all of the churches of the conference.

4. Laymen's group meetings and retreats to be held within the associations.

5. A laymen's speaking bureau for the use of the churches and the associations, with the clearing house in the conference office.

6. Carry back to the churches the sense of urgency for Christian devotion in this time of crisis.

VINCENT CLAYPOOL,
Chairman;
R. PICKENS FULLER,
WILLIAM H. DUTTON,
WILLIAM T. ELLIOTT,
ROBERT E. JONES.

AN "ECHO MEETING" OF THE CONVOCATION

To conserve the inspiration received at Pilgrim Pines Sept. 27-28 and to share it with others, the Sierra Madre delegation planned to call an area meeting of men of nearby churches in October. Groups in other areas may do likewise.

At Laymen's Convocation, Sept. 28

From left to right, standing: Harold E. Wahlberg, member National Committee, Laymen's Fellowship; Joe Moody, new president of the Laymen's Fellowship; Supt. Nelson C. Dreier; Walter A. Graham, Executive Director, National Laymen's Fellowship.

(Bottom) Bert Randall, member Board of Directors, Laymen's Fellowship; Dr. William C. Jones, retiring president, Laymen's Fellowship; Associate Supt. Glenn A. Rowles; William E. Patterson, retiring secretary-treasurer, Laymen's Fellowship.

HERE AND THERE AMONG OUR LAYMEN

The new Men's Club of the Westwood Hills Church, Los Angeles, got off to a fine start in September. One of the club's first activities is the sponsorship of a Men's Chorus, which made its first appearance at a Sunday morning service.

Harold W. Schweitzer, appointed by Gov. Warren to a Municipal judgeship, grew up in the church school of the Church of the Messiah, Los Angeles, as did Bruce Russell, cartoonist of the Los Angeles Times.

The Men's Association of Long Beach First Church seeks to enlist every man in the church as a season member, tickets for five dinner meetings costing $6.00. Lloyd Lorbeer, of India, spoke on Oct. 6 concerning Hindustan and Pakistan.

THE RECORD OF OUR CHURCH

Five years of the ten-year period during which it was expected that contributions analysis below gives the suggested goals for our churches for the ten-year period, t There are many blank spaces in the third column. Before the year ends we hope have completed payment of their ten-year obligations! Let us complete the task

	Suggested 10 Year Goal	*Paid 5 Years 1942-1946 Incl.*	*Paid 1947 to Oct. 3*
Albuquerque, First	250.00	126.27	.....
Albuquerque, So. Broadway	50.00	15.00	10.00
Alessandro Valley	50.00	25.00	.....
Alpine	150.00	75.00	.....
Altadena	.....	.....	.....
Arvin	1,000.00	500.00	.....
Atascadero	100.00	112.00	.....
Avalon	100.00	40.00	10.00
Bakersfield, Chinese	50.00	.....	.....
Bakersfield, First	1,000.00	600.00	15.00
Barstow	200.00	197.00	.....
Barstow, Mexican	50.00	25.00	.....
Bayard Union	.....	.....	.....
Big Bear	50.00	20.00	.....
Bloomington	100.00	151.73	.....
Brea	500.00	250.00	.....
Buena Park	500.00	250.00	.....
Burbank	200.00	.....	.....
Calimesa	50.00	.....	.....
Calipatria	300.00	.....	.....
Chino, Mexican	50.00	25.00	.....
Chula Vista	1,000.00	500.00	.....
Claremont	3,000.00	2,463.50	230.00
Corona	400.00	200.00	.....
Corona, Del Mar	.....	65.00	50.00
El Paso, Pilgrim	250.00	18.75	.....
El Paso, Valley Community	500.00	250.00	.....
Escondido	500.00	527.35	.....
Etiwanda	50.00	25.00	.....
Gallup, El Salvador	50.00	5.00	.....
Gallup, First	100.00	50.00	.....
Glen Avon	50.00	40.00	.....
Glendale, First	3,000.00	1,126.00	7.75
Grants, Spanish	.....	.....	.....
Hemet, Pilgrim	100.00	30.00	.....
Highland	200.00	106.00	.....
Hurley	500.00	155.00	.....
La Canada	1,000.00	.....	.....
La Jolla	1,000.00	612.00	.....
La Mesa, Central	1,000.00	500.00	.....
Laguna Beach	.....	.....	.....
Las Vegas	100.00	87.15	.....
Lawndale	100.00	28.26	.....
Lemon Grove	250.00	115.66	.....
Long Beach, Bay Shore	250.00	515.00	.....
Long Beach, First	2,000.00	1,500.00	300.00
Los Alamitos	50.00	25.00	.....
Los Angeles, Arm. Geth	500.00	100.00	25.00
Berean	200.00	100.00	.....
Bethany Rawson	100.00	.....	.....
Chinese	100.00	30.00	20.00
Colonial	.....	.....	.....
Eagle Rock	200.00	208.16	.....
Finnish	50.00	5.00	.....
First	10,000.00	3,875.00	585.00
Garvanza	500.00	200.00	.....
Hollywood	2,000.00	1,000.00	.....
Hyde Park	100.00	.....	.....
Immanuel Arm.	100.00	.....	.....
Imm. of Graham	100.00	50.00	.....
Japanese Union	.....	25.00	.....
Lincoln Memorial	250.00	25.00	.....
Masis Arm.	100.00	.....	.....
Messiah	2,000.00	688.85	10.00
Mt. Hollywood	1,000.00	300.00	.....
No. Hollywood	.....	.....	.....

GIVING TO THE UNIT PLAN

lt Plan would underwrite the national objective of $1,200,000, have passed. The detailed t each has paid in the first five-year period, and the amount paid thus far in 1947. urch will have done its full part. The churches of the Northern California Conference ern California as soon as possible.

	Suggested 10 Year Goal	*Paid 5 Years 1942-1946 Incl.*	*Paid 1947 to Oct. 3*
Park	100.00	50.00	.....
Pilgrim	400.00	72.00	24.00
Plymouth	1,000.00	701.59	.....
Schaefle Memorial	200.00	55.00	.....
Providence	50.00	5.00	.....
West End	50.00	.....	.....
Western Knoll	250.00	200.00	100.00
Westwood Hills	400.00	200.00	.....
Manhattan Beach	250.00	200.25	.....
Maricopa	100.00	100.00	.....
Mentone	50.00	.....	.....
Mojave	50.00	25.00	.....
National City	100.00	65.00	.....
Nogales, Trinity	250.00	250.00	.....
Norwalk	100.00	40.00	.....
Oildale	100.00	50.00	.....
Ontario	1,500.00	1,000.00	.....
Pacoima	50.00	6.65	.....
Panama	50.00	38.10	.....
Pasadena, Arm. Cilicia	100.00	50.00	.....
First	3,000.00	1,390.39	25.00
Lake Avenue	2,000.00	2,000.00	.....
Neighborhood	2,000.00	475.00	100.00
Pilgrim	200.00	.....	.....
Paso Robles	200.00	20.00	.....
Perris	100.00	.....	50.00
Phoenix, Encanto Community	.....	.....	.....
First	1,000.00	256.70	.....
Neighborhood	1,000.00	525.00	15.00
Union	100.00	10.00	40.00
Pomona, Pilgrim	2,000.00	1,587.50	.....
Pomona Valley, Mexican	50.00	25.00	.....
Prescott	1,000.00	900.00	.....
Ramona	200.00	100.00	.....
Redlands	3,000.00	700.00	100.00
Redondo Beach	100.00	15.00	.....
Rialto	200.00	217.90	.....
Riverside, First	2,000.00	306.03	50.00
Riverside, Japanese Union	.....	5.00	.....
San Bernardino	1,000.00	500.00	.....
San Diego, Chinese	50.00	20.00	5.00
First	3,000.00	1,490.00	.....
Kensington	500.00	250.00	.....
La Mesa Heights	50.00	12.19	.....
Logan Heights	100.00	10.00	.....
Mission Hills	3,000.00	1,560.82	.....
Plymouth	500.00	34.00	.....
Santa Ana, First	1,000.00	825.00	.....
Santa Barbara	500.00	.....	.....
Santa Rita	100.00	44.00	.....
Saticoy	400.00	200.00	.....
Seeley	50.00	25.00	.....
Shafter	200.00	150.00	50.00
Sierra Madre, First	500.00	.....	.....
So. Pasadena, Oneonta	3,000.00	900.00	.....
Tehachapi	200.00	70.00	.....
Tempe, First	1,500.00	938.72	100.00
Tombstone	100.00	100.00	.....
Tucson, First	500.00	150.00	.....
Ventura	200.00	50.00	.....
Vista	500.00	416.00	.....
Wasco	500.00	378.56	50.00
Whittier	1,000.00	500.00	10.00
Willowbrook	100.00	.....	.....
Gifts Undesignated	.....	3,969.08	.....
TOTALS	73,350.00	42,199.16	1,981.75

Christian Education

SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

Over one thousand individuals attended Congregational summer conferences which were held at four camps: Camp Greenhorn, in the Kern Association; Camp Pilgrim Playground, in Arizona; Camp Thunderbird, in New Mexico, and Camp Pilgrim Pines, in California.

The twenty conference sessions were as follows: Children, 2; Junior High, 5; Senior High, 7; Church School Workers, 1; Young Adults, 1; College Age, 1; Pilgrim Fellowship Leaders, 1; Laymen, 1; Ministers and Wives, 1.

The largest attendance was at the Young Adult conference at Pilgrim Pines with 154 present at one time.

The following note was sent to the Conference office with an application to one of the children's camps:

"To whom it may concern: I have been a regular child at your camp for two years. I don't want to break it. I hope I may go to Pilgrim Pines. Love, Joan (age 11)."

The real effectiveness of these summer conferences will be revealed in the inspiration and devotion exhibited by those attending during the year ahead in their local churches.

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP RALLY

The Rev. Oliver Power, National Secretary of Young People's Work, was the headline speaker at a rally held in Pasadena First Church on Sunday, Oct. 12, attended by Congregational young people from metropolitan Los Angeles.

A significant feature of the occasion was the presentation by Supt. Nelson C. Dreier in behalf of the Pilgrim Fellowship and constituency of the Conference of a beautiful silver service to the Rev. and Mrs. Peter J. Jansen in appreciation of the outstanding service rendered by Mr. Jansen during his years of work with the young people of the Conference. Mr. Jansen severed his relation with the Conference Aug. 1 and began his work as Minister of Education in First Church, Pasadena, Sept. 1.

Miss Jane Johnson

MISS JANE JOHNSON IN DEMAND

Miss Jane Johnson, a delegate to the World Youth Conference at Oslo, Norway, last summer, is in demand as a speaker before churches and young people's groups. She brings a vivid interpretation of that gathering and has spoken at a number of association youth rallies this fall.

Our Churches at Work

NEW MEXICO-EL PASO ASSOCIATION

ALBUQUERQUE, FIRST — The Rev. Clarence E. Parr and his church participated actively in the National Christian Teaching Mission, a cooperative project directed by Dr. Harry Munro, Oct. 23 to 31. The Rev. Glenn A. Rowles, Associate Superintendent of the Conference, was one of the guest leaders. This church, which is in a rapidly growing community, is seeking to keep abreast of terrific demands.

GALLUP, FIRST — The New Mexico-El Paso Association met Oct. 9 and 10 in this church. The pastor, the Rev. Harry B. Patten, is the moderator. Guest speakers included the Rev. Ray Gibbons, New York, and Supt. Nelson C. Dreier and Associate Supt. Glenn A. Rowles of the Conference staff.

EL PASO PILGRIM — Raymond Manker, son of the Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Manger, was the guest preacher on Sunday morning, Sept. 11. . . . This summer a new sprinkler system was installed and an attractive church lawn is now assured. The church has been air-conditioned. . . . For a period of three months the complete Sunday morning service will be broadcast.

EL PASO VALLEY COMMUNITY — The minister, the Rev. Winthrop E. Mager, directed the Pilgrim Fellowship Leadership Laboratory Camp at Pilgrim Pines and the Young People's Conference at Camp Thunderbird in New Mexico, both in August.

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATION

BARSTOW — The church was host to the San Bernardino Association on Oct. 15. Guest speakers included the Conference superintendent and his associate and the Rev. Ray Gibbons of New York and the Rev. Oliver Powell of Chicago. The Rev. George P. Helliwell is the pastor of the church.

LAS VEGAS, IMMANUEL COMMUNITY — Services were carried on by local leaders during the vacation of the pastor, the Rev. A. C. Melton. . . . Dr. Allen G. Wehrli of Eden Theological Seminary stopped on his way home from the Ministers' and Wives' Retreat at Pilgrim Pines and delivered a most inspirational lecture. . . . Five new members were received into the church in September.

MENTONE COMMUNITY — Supt. Nelson C. Dreier was the guest speaker at a church night dinner on Friday, Sept. 26. . . . A new parsonage is now under construction. The Rev. Samuel A. Wright, minister.

PERRIS FIRST — Dr. William C. Jones, President of Whittier College, was the guest speaker on Conference Sunday, Oct. 26. The Rev. Carl E. Magnuson, minister.

REDLANDS FIRST — The Rev. William D. Pratt, minister, Conference chairman for the Committee on War Victims and Reconstruction, attended a meeting of the committee in Chicago on Sept. 1. In his absence, Associate Supt. Glenn A. Rowles preached at the morning service on Sept. 1. . . . For twelve weeks during the summer union services were held with the First Baptist Church, alter-

nating the place of worship. . . . Kenneth Stokes, President of the Conference Pilgrim Fellowship and a pre-ministerial student at Pomona College, joined the church staff in September as student assistant with special responsibility for the youth department of the church school and the high school Pilgrim Fellowship. . . . The building committee has been authorized to go forward with plans for remodeling the religious education building.

San Bernardino First — A major project carried through last summer involved organ repairs amounting to about $3,000. . . . A new group called the "Mr. & Mrs. Club" was formed this summer, supplementing the work of the Shipmates Club. . . . A worship and loyalty crusade with a parish visitation was begun on Oct. 5, World-wide Communion Sunday, under the direction of the minister, the Rev. Lawrence J. Weinert.

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION

Chula Vista — The new Jewel Chapel and new Sunday School rooms were completed this summer. Mrs. Jewel, whose generosity has made these religious education facilities possible, also provided the carpeting and the other furnishings necessary. . . . Four church men attended the Laymen's Convocation at Pilgrim Pines in September. . . . New members were received into the church on Loyalty Sunday, Oct. 5. The Rev. Williston Wirt, minister.

Central, La Mesa

La Mesa Central — Dr. Walter Stark, minister of the First Congregational Church of San Diego, spoke before the Women's Guild on Oct. 2. . . . A teachers training class was conducted during the church school hour by John Hedwell in September and October. Ten lessons comprised the series. . . . The San Diego County Pilgrim Fellowship Fall Rally was held in the church Oct. 19. Miss Jane Johnson of Los Angeles was the featured speaker. . . . Several months ago the Intermediate Fellowship staged a very successful minstrel show, the proceeds of which were used for young people's work. The Rev. Alexander Milmine, minister.

Lemon Grove Community — A teachers retreat and conference were held on Sunday, Sept. 21, at a cabin in Pine Valley to plan the religious education program for the year ahead. The Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, minister.

National City First — A culmination of months of planning and work was the dedication service of the new church on Sunday, Sept. 7, at 8 o'clock. Ministers sharing in the service included the Rev. John C. Wiley, San Diego; the Rev. Hudson Pittman, on the staff of First Congregational Church of Los Angeles, who preached the sermon, and Supt. Nelson C. Dreier, who offered the dedicatory prayer. Under the guidance of the Rev. Olaf A. Stoeve, pastor, the church has already outgrown its facilities, and a religious education unit is desperately needed.

San Diego First — The church has set aside a room to be used as the headquarters of the Church World Service in San Diego. . . . Dr. W. H. Stark, minister, has assumed the responsibility of directing the church school as general superintendent. . . . A group of new mem-

bers was received into the church on Sept. 7.

San Diego, Logan Heights — On Sunday, Sept. 7, the church observed its first anniversary as an inter-racial church. Dr. John C. Wiley of our Mission Hills church was guest preacher at an evening service on that day. The Rev. E. M. Shavers is the minister.

San Diego, Mission Hills — The Rev. John W. Brownell resigned as Minister of Christian Education in September. He has given excellent leadership to the church school and youth program. . . . In October the church shared in an interdenominational religious census. The Congregational guest leader for this teaching mission was the Rev. John S. Whiteneck from the First Congregational Church of Bakersfield. The Rev. John C. Wiley, minister.

ARIZONA ASSOCIATION

Phoenix, Encanto Community — The church cooperated with the community-wide teaching mission under the general direction of Dr. Harry Munro on Oct. 9 to 17. . . . Part of the sessions of the Arizona Association were held in this church on Oct. 7. The Rev. Waldo S. Richards, minister.

Phoenix First — The church was host to some of the sessions of the Association meeting on Oct. 8. In addition to staff members of the Conference, the Rev. Ray Gibbons of New York was on the program. . . . Dr. E. Stanley Jones of India spoke in the church on Sept. 24 under the auspices of the Arizona Council of Churches. The Rev. Frederick A. Barnhill, minister.

Phoenix Union — During August the Junior Pilgrim Fellowship financed and painted the social room of the church. The sanctuary and kitchen were painted by Senior Pilgrim Fellowship members with the help of a group of young adults. . . . The first fall rally of the Valley Pilgrim Fellowship was held in the church on Sept. 21. . . .The Rev. James C. Perkins, minister, was director of the Junior High Camp held at Pilgrim Playground in July.

Humboldt, Agua Fria Community Church — Working together in a larger parish, the Humboldt Church and the First Church of Prescott have joined in extending a call as associate minister to the Rev. George Robert Bennett, formerly a chaplain in the United States Army. Mr. Bennett comes as associate to the Rev. Charles Franklin Parker who will retain the active direction of the "extended parish" work throughout the area. However, Mr. Bennett will minister to the areas and churches uniting in the "cooperative" plan. Immediate plans call for carrying on the services already established by Mr. Parker at the Agua Fria Church of Humboldt and community services at Walnut Grove, Crown King and Mayer. All of these are small communities within Yavapai County of which Prescott is the county seat. In both Humboldt and Mayer, Congregationalists maintained the work in years past. It is believed that by thus linking these communities in a cooperative endeavor they can be well served with the type of leadership needed which would not be available to them separately. No doubt other "points" will be established soon as the demand is already growing.

KERN ASSOCIATION

Oildale — The Rev. Aylesworth B. Bell, minister. A parents club composed of mothers of church school children has been organized this fall and should link the home more closely to the church.

Wasco, First — The Association

meeting was held on Oct. 14 with the Rev. William D. Pratt of Redlands; the Rev. Charles Franklin Parker, Conference Moderator; the Rev. Oliver Powell, National Secretary of Young People's Work; and members of the Conference staff and others participating in the program. The Rev. Robert Cleland was the host minister.

LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION

BREA — The Rev. H. R. Carstens has been appointed to the post of director of student affairs for the new Los Angeles University of Applied Education, located two miles west of Brea. He will carry on this work in conjunction with his church activities. It is expected that 1000 students will matriculate at this new educational institution. . . . Mrs. Carstens, who underwent a major operation in September, is recuperating nicely.

CLAREMONT — A new hearing aid and amplifier system was installed in the church this summer. This will not only improve the hearing facilities of the church but will provide ear phones for a large number. . . . A group of new members was received on Communion Sunday, October 5. The Rev. Homer V. Yinger, minister.

GLENDALE, FIRST — On September 28 memorial chimes, given by members and friends of the church and parish in memory of two men who died in the recent war and in honor of 153 others who served during the war, were dedicated and played for the first time. They may be played as part of the organ or amplified and broadcast from the church tower. The Rev. Jesse F. Perrin, minister.

LONG BEACH, BAY SHORE — Work was begun Sept. 22 on the new educational unit and it was hoped that a major part of the construction would be completed within a month. The new addition will add approximately 4,000 square feet of floor space, providing greater church school facilities and a beautiful children's chapel equipped with audio-visual aids and other modern teaching helps. The Rev. Milton G. Gabrielson, minister.

LONG BEACH, FIRST — A feature of Rally Sunday was the fine exhibition of Bibles. . . . Thirty-three new members were received into the church in August. . . . On World Communion Sunday a special offering was taken for the missionary ship, "Morning Star VI," and the work in Micronesia. The Rev. Stuart L. Anderson, minister.

LOS ANGELES, COLONIAL — The Rev. Gordon J. Baker, minister, served as the guest leader in a Fellowship Evangelism program carried on interdenominationally in San Diego the first week in October. . . . Construction on the parsonage and church school unit is progressing, and even before the walls are completed, the space was used for church school purposes with twenty-eight children crowded into the kitchen.

LOS ANGELES, EAGLE ROCK UNITED — The church was represented by sixty-five individuals, from children to adults, who attended various summer camps under Congregational or Methodist auspices. The Rev. Paul E. Babbitt, minister, and campers shared in two morning services, the theme of one being, "The Afterglow of a Beautiful Experience," and the second, "A Youth Challenges the Church." . . . In September an adequate supply of new church hymnals was secured.

LOS ANGELES, FIRST — Among recent additions to the staff of the church are the Rev. Francis H. Wise, minister of high school youth; the Rev. Walter Mueller of Pleasant Hill Academy, minister of education; and the Rev. Clarence E. Olmsted, formerly a missionary in Burma, who will direct a parish-wide missionary education program. . . . Dr. James W.

Fifield, Jr. is one of the very few ministers who at the beginning of fall outlines his sermon themes for the entire church year. . . . The Sunday Evening Club speaker on October 12 was Mr. J. C. Penny, founder of the Penny stores and a personal friend of the minister. . . . An anonymous gift of $40,000 will make possible the completion, according to the original architectural plans, of a beautiful chancel.

L. A., GARVANZA — Home-coming Sunday was observed on September 21 with a re-enlistment of parish people in definite church activities and loyalties. . . . Supt. Nelson C. Dreier was the guest speaker at the annual dinner on October 21. . . . Joe Moody, President of the Laymen's Fellowship, was the guest speaker on Laymen's Sunday, October 19. The Rev. Eugene A. Rose, minister.

L. A., HOLLYWOOD — A prominent layman of the church, Dr. Charles F. Nelson, was signally honored on September 12 when knighthood, the Royal Order of Vasa First, was bestowed on him in recognition of his research achievements by order of the King of Sweden. The Rev. James H. Lash, minister.

L. A., CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH — The Rev. Murray T. McNeil, Jr., began his work as minister of youth in September. Formerly a chaplain, he is now working for his doctor's degree at U.S.C. He had previously served a number of Congregational churches in our Conference. The Rev. Reynold B. Boden, minister.

L. A., PLYMOUTH—Dr. Eric Titus, School of Religion at U.S.C., gave a series of five lectures on "The Highlights of the New Testament" on Wednesday evenings in October. Plymouth Church has done an unusually fine piece of work in mapping out a varied and vital program of mid-week church dinners and programs for the entire church year. The Rev. James H. More, minister, is now serving his eighteenth year as pastor of the church.

L. A., WESTERN KNOLL—The minister, the Rev. George W. Haskell, and church leaders held a planning conference from September 12 to 14 at Pilgrim Pines. This is a part of the church's annual program. Supt. Nelson C. Dreier was the guest speaker at a church night meeting on October 29. His theme was "The Cost of Discipleship."

L. A., WESTWOOD HILLS — In September the church cabinet approved a report of the building committee relative to the addition of a second story to the church to obviate the crowded conditions in the church school and for organizational purposes. . . . The "Mission Tower Messenger," a weekly publication of the church, which is mailed out to the parish constituency, made its appearance the first week in September. The Rev. S. Mark Hogue, minister.

PASADENA, FIRST — A recognition service for the Rev. Raymond A. Waser, minister, and the Rev. Peter J. Jansen, Minister of Education, was held on Wednesday evening, October 15, at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Jansen spoke on "My Pilgrimage in Christian Service" and Mr. Waser spoke on "Forty Years — Mid-stream." Participating in the service were Judge R. D. Brown, Dr. Nelson C. Dreier, Dr. James Fifield, Jr., Dr. Henry David Gray, Dr. James Hutchins, Dr. William C. Jones, Dr. Lawrence A. Wilson, and the Rev. Felix A. Manley.

PASADENA, NEIGHBORHOOD — The building fund for a new education building amounting to $50,000 was two-thirds complete in September. It was expected that building operations would start in November. The Rev. Curtis Beach, minister.

POMONA, PILGRIM — On September 10 the church initiated the Pilgrim Nursery School for children two and a half to five years of age, held each morning from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30

a.m., Monday through Friday. Detailed provision for an adequate staff has been made. . . . On September 24 a lovely youth chapel for the youth department of the church school, seating sixty people, was formally dedicated. . . . The sum of $500 has been contributed to the agricultural education work of Lloyd Lorbeer's school in Pasumalai, India. Mr. Lorbeer was the guest speaker on Sunday morning, September 7. The Rev. Victor M. Rhein, minister.

South Pasadena, Oneonta — In September subscriptions to the new church building fund amounted to $126,000. . . . Miss Kathryn Ogier is the new director of Christian Education. . . . On October 12 the Associate Minister, the Rev. Charles L. Knight, conducted the opening service in Redwood Hall located in Founder's House. An afternoon service of recognition for Mr. Knight as Associate Minister was held with visiting ministers participating. This marks an expanded program on the part of the Oneonta Church.

Ventura Community — In August a serious fire in the Guild Hall of the church damaged the property to the extent of $15,000. Plans were immediately set in motion to rebuild the property. The Rev. Theodore C. Henderson, minister.

Woodland Hills—Permission has been obtained to use the old army barracks on the property recently purchased by the church while a new building is under construction. A campaign for funds for the new church is now in progress under the leadership of the Rev. Floyd S. Bailey, minister and the Rev. Ellsworth Smith, honorary minister.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

O God, thou sendest dreams within
our minds, to energize
Our thoughts, and give them goals.
Give courage, Lord, that we may lift
the sails of youth
To drive our vessels well, across the
seas of life.
Give wisdom Lord to steer our course
As did the Master Pilot in his day!

Help us to fear no storm, nor yield
our course,
Nor pause in ports of ease.
But faith, give faith to sail and sail,
until we reach the haven of our
dreams,
Where peace, good will and justice
reign,
And thou art Lord, the Lord
supreme!

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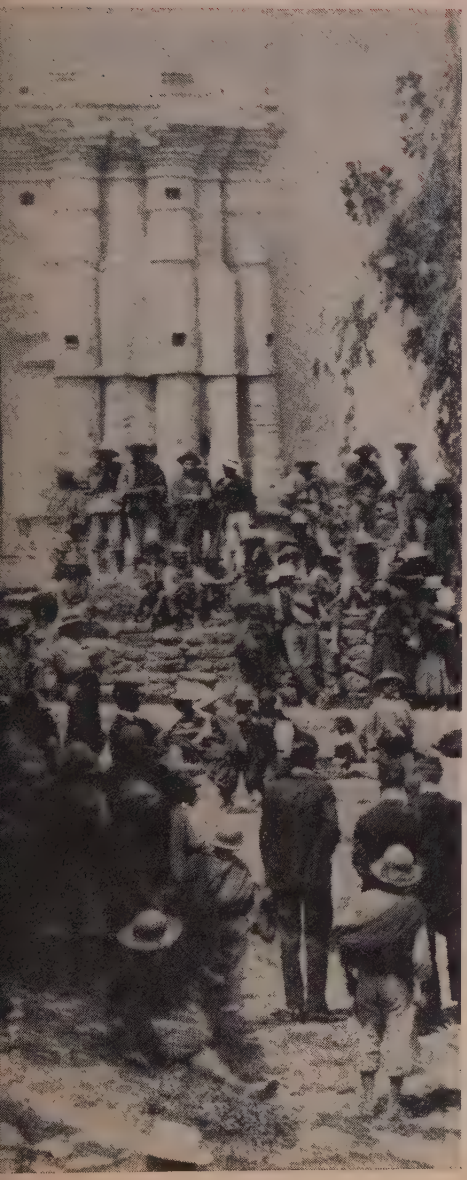


ACROSS THE BORDER THAT LIES BETWEEN OLD MEXICO AND THE U. S.

MEXICO

Today, the major responsibility of our denomination on the Mexican field rests upon five missionaries. They and their Mexican associates are proving themselves pioneers in a new departure — the newly invigorated movement of Christ's spirit over the face of the earth, and across the border which lies between Mexico and the United States.

ARDIS TIEDT

MR. CRAWFORD, I'm ready to go. Tell me when and how." Elena Ortiz in this way accepted a challenge and an opportunity.

Sponsored by the Congregational Conference of Southern California and the Southwest, she would spend a year in the United States studying Religious Education and then return to Mexico as a professional native leader. Equipped by inheritance with knowledge of the language and background of the people, she was challenged to dedicate her life to the task of interpreting Protestant Christianity to the people of Mexico.

A NEW LIFE

Elena's mother was converted to Protestantism, and some months later her father announced, "Today we will

go to church together." This was the beginning of the Christian family life. It meant rejection by friends and relatives, but Senora Ortiz said, "The power of this new life is stronger than any other thing. Now that I know it, I could never give it up."

A graduate of the University of Guadalajara, Elena worked in the office of General Motors. Guided by her mother's strong Protestant faith, she became active in the Congregational Church, taught a Sunday School class, sang in the choir and led in youth activities.

A BIT OF BACKGROUND

Of course, the readers of *The Missionary Herald* know that seventy-five years ago J. L. Stevens and David F. Watkins were commissioned for missionary service in Mexico by our American Board for Foreign Missions. Thus began our Congregational Christian work in Mexico. An era of unhappy strife between the Roman Catholic and Protestant churches ensued, with sad effects upon everyone concerned.

But Congregationalism in Mexico has prospered, not as a drive for religious ascendency and power, but as an invitation to all people of goodwill; not as an effort to proselytize, but as a prophetic enterprise aimed at the enlargement of life for everyone through Christ Jesus. Elena Ortiz is one product of this work.

STUDY IN THE U.S.

When Cedric E. Crawford, representing the Southern California Conference, asked Elena to study in the United States, her reply was indicative of her attitude toward all of life. "I hope you will understand if I

Elena Ortiz (above) is a product of our Congregational Christian evangelism in Mexico. (Left) The youngest boys and girls of Guadalajara Sunday School. (Above, on page 27) Margarita Wright, of our Mexican Mission, with one of our Mexican pastors.

cannot say 'yes' right away. I have to consider all these things very seriously, to put them *en las manos de Dios* — in the hands of God."

Her job in the office of General Motors was a pleasant one, and it paid well; her social position was assured; her family loved and protected her; she was a leader in her church; hers was a secure, happy life. These things her mother pointed out, and Elena answered: "It's right now, when I have everything, that I must give more to my church. And when I say 'help my church' I also mean 'help my people,' because through Protestantism in Mexico our people know simplicity of faith and a new way of life."

THE NEW TASK

It is not an easy task to which Elena will return from her study in the United States. She will seldom be home — "just as a visitor, for a few days." Twelve Congregational Christian churches in the west of Mexico will be her field; the youth and children in those rural churches are her special responsibility.

Elena has never asked what her salary will be. She knows it will be very small. It will be lonely, and Mexican custom frowns upon a woman who travels alone. In the rural areas there is real danger from those who are fanatically opposed to Protestantism. "But I just am not afraid. I have faith I'm going to do good work; I'm sure God will help me."

THIS IS EVANGELISM

This is evangelism — the very essence of it, in terms so simple that no one can miss the point. For, arising from the deepest recesses of a character transformed by Christ, the pure transcendent spirit finds expression in an unpretentious soul. Thus is Christ re-embodied in the humblest disciple, and his gospel is preached to the hungry and the poor.

Miss Tiedt is a student at our Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois.

Photo page 25 by Religious News Service.

> Comprehensive evangelism means that when an individual has been introduced to Christ, the influence of Christ must reach into his home, his social group, the sphere of his work, his community and his nation.
>
> LLOYD S. RULAND

OUR CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS ARE IMPORTANT IN THE NEAR EAST.

NEAR EAST

An old center of culture and of power is in ferment once more. We, through our missions have stood by the Near East. "It is because of your missions that the relations between this area and the United States have a solid character," states Sumner Welles. It is our task to make Christ the impelling force in the vital conflict of ideals in the Near East.

MABEL E. EMERSON

DAILY, by press and radio, we are reminded that the area which we call the Near East (Eastern Europe and Western Asia) is a possible "tinder box," where international relations may burst into flame once more as they have again and again through the centuries.

For this great area is a magnified "tri-borough bridge" between Europe, Asia and Africa. Empires and dynasties have clashed there for centuries as they have tried to control this strategic position, and there is plenty of evidence today that international tension is still very great. The situation will be changed not by threats of force, but by understanding; not by argument, but by friendship.

The best basis for understanding and friendship rests in the principles of Jesus Christ, who lived and worked and died in one section of the "Near East"; whose living spirit so inspired his followers that the Christian community spread within a century far beyond the boundaries of the land he knew and today is a vital factor in Near Eastern affairs, even though it is outnumbered by the followers of Mohammed.

It was in 1819 that our American Board for Foreign Missions sent its first missionaries to survey the Turkish Empire and determine where work should be opened.

The story of the decades since is one of the most moving in American Board annals. Doors were closed against direct work with Moham-

medans, but there was a yearning among many of the members of the ancient churches — the Gregorian community especially — for a revitalized church. With no thought of creating a separate church but only of bringing spiritual renewal of the ancient body the missionaries undertook their task. But the increasing number of those who experienced a deepening spiritual life alarmed the hierarchy. Excommunications followed, and then the evangelical, or Protestant, movement really began.

EARLY GROWTH

The first evangelical Armenian church was organized in Constantinople (now Istanbul) on July 1, 1846. The growth of that movement was phenomenal. In the early nineteenth century hundreds of evangelical churches dotted Asia Minor and northern Syria, while a similar movement developed in Bulgaria. Schools, from kindergartens to colleges and theological training centers, were giving the education which the people craved. Leaders of unusual ability were recruited and trained for the ministry and for the teaching and medical professions.

Then came war, with the inevitable aftermath of disrupted life and dispersed populations. To some it seemed that the work of nearly a century must be wiped out. But "those who were scattered abroad" went on with their witness, in Greece, in Syria, Lebanon, the Caucasus, Egypt, France, South America. And despite the tragedies, our American Board stayed on, its task greatly altered but no less challenging than in 1819.

> The Western church has not been alone in the task of bringing Christ to the world. Native Christian workers are enduring hardships inconceivable to Westerners, to take the message to their own people.
>
> WILLIS LAMOTT

THE SITUATION TODAY

Today our Congregational Christian work in the Near East has two aspects. In Greece, Bulgaria, Syria

(Below) The new administration building at Elleniko, Greece. During the war many of our properties in the Near East deteriorated because of lack of funds and of building materials. All of our plants in this field must be restored to good condition if they are to serve effectively peoples of the Near East, and to witness adequately for Jesus Christ.

In Greece, Bulgaria, Syria and Lebanon, our Congregational Christian work has reached the "fellowship stage" where our personnel works in fellowship with Armenian, Greek, Bulgarian pastors, teachers and other leaders, for the strengthening of the evangelical group that its witness may be effective in the community. (Above) Students at Aleppo College.

and Lebanon it has reached the "fellowship stage," where our Congregational Christian personnel works — in fellowship with Armenian, Greek, Bulgarian pastors, teachers and other leaders — for the strengthening of the evangelical community, so that its witnesses may be effective in the entire community. The churches, the schools, the colleges at Aleppo, Syria, and at Elleniko, a suburb of Athens, and the Near East School of Theology in Beirut are means to this end. Anatolia College in Salonica, Greece, also is affiliated with the work of the Board.

PIONEER STAGE

In Turkey the work is still in the "pioneer stage." The modern Turkish state is secular. No religious instruction is permitted in any school, whether it be Moslem, Jewish or Christian. The leaders of modern Turkey believe that the teaching of religion is exclusively the affair of the mosque, the synagogue or the church. It is an individual or a family matter. Yet, twenty-five years of pioneering bring the conviction that there is great significance in the opportunity in Turkey. We are there in a spirit of friendship, remembering with humility that much in "Christian" life across the centuries has raised obstacles between Moslem and Christian.

Our work in Turkey today is carried on in seven centers. Four schools, at Istanbul (Scutari), Izmir, Talas and Tarsus, although functioning with inadequate plants and equipment, are attracting more students than can be accepted, despite the fact the government system of public education is well established. Parents recognize the fact that in our schools their sons and daughters secure good academic training plus training in character building. One hospital and two clinics are overrun with patients because they find at these centers not only excellent professional treatment but friendship. The Publication Department in Istanbul is working with the most thoughtful Turkish leaders on the preparation of wholesome literature for the increasing reading public and on the development of books for children.

OUR OPPORTUNITIES

Are we measuring up to our opportunities in the Near East? Far from it — because we lack adequate equipment and personnel. During the

depression and the war many of our properties deteriorated because of a lack of funds and of building materials and labor. These plants must be restored to good condition if they are to compare at all favorably with plants provided by the several governments for similar purposes.

POSITIONS OPEN

But greater than the need of buildings and essential equipment is the need for personnel dedicated to service in the spirit of Christ. Too few young men and women in recent years have come forward in readiness to plan for a life of service. "Short-termers" have been very helpful and their work has been greatly appreciated. But strong schools cannot be built up with frequent changes in staff. And while there will always be a place for ten or twelve short-term instructors in our schools in Syria, Turkey and Greece, we need staff members who are willing to be "committed for life."

The mission has thirty-one positions urgently calling to be filled at once. This actually means thirty-eight persons, since families are needed in seven of the positions. Two ordained men, two educational families, fourteen women teachers, eight men teachers (two families), two nurses, one laboratory technician, a family for the publication department, two men (families) and one woman for business positions are required in order to complete the staff.

There must be many young men and women in our Congregational Christian churches, well-qualified both professionally and spiritually, who are eager to offer themselves for a service that has enduring significance in a world that cries out for the Christian witness.

Miss Emerson has been associated with our American Board for Foreign Missions for more than twenty years and is its Secretary for the Near East.

(Below) Dr. Albert W. Dewey, one of our distinguished Congregational Christian missionaries and two clinic patients at Gaziantep, Turkey. Our Near East Missions have thirty-one positions urgently calling to be filled at once. "There must be," states the author, "many young men and women today who are qualified for a service that has enduring significance."

WORLD HISTORY IS IN THE MAKING IN FAR-FLUNG ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC.

SOUTH PACIFIC

Ninety-one years ago our missionaries sailed aboard the first Morning Star. Today, we must carry on, and our opportunity is greater than ever before among the people of the great South Pacific world who are now tasting for their first time all the sweetness and the bitterness — of individual and social responsibility. We must complete this job.

HAROLD W. HACKETT

THE Hawaiian Islands, the Marshalls, the Gilberts, the Marianas, the Carolines and the Philippines constitute a great strategic area through the vast Central Pacific. The activity in this area had a great bearing on the results of the war. Future developments in this area will have great bearing on the peace of the Pacific.

Micronesia, meaning "small islands," embraces the Marshall, Marianna, Caroline and Palau groups — six hundred square miles of small islands in five million square miles of Pacific waters. The work of the American Board for Foreign Mis-

Morning Star VI, a new sailing ship which we have bought, equipped, and commissioned, will be used in the islands of the South Pacific to carry workers and supplies among islands.

It was ninety-one years ago that our missionaries sailed aboard the first *Morning Star* for Christian service in the islands of the South Pacific. Through the patient, understanding effort of our missionaries through the years, the flame of Christian faith has begun to shine in many hearts. (Above) A father on Mindanao reads from the Scriptures to members of his family.

sions is chiefly concerned with the Christian life of the peoples in the Marshalls and the Carolines. The end of the war brought to the islanders the joy of liberation and the opportunity to take up peaceful lives again. It also brought confusion, revealed the destruction and losses in their basic economy and the resulting problems which come from a sudden and increased contact with the outside world.

CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE

The armed forces moving into this area had expected to find savage peoples, but instead they found people who had previously known not only the representatives of commerce and trade from the Western world, but also the missionaries of the church who had brought to them refining influences of the Christian gospel. On more than one occasion the writer was told by officers of the occupation forces of their surprise in finding among these island people a gentleness and a personal dignity which would become any race. It is fair to claim that some part in this evolution of a people who have had their history of tribal barbarities was brought about by the missionaries of the Cross, many of whom were sent out by the American Board for Foreign Missions.

The first missionaries sent to the islands by the American Board for Foreign Missions took up their work in 1852 at three points, Ponape and Kusaie in the Carolines and at Ebon in the Marshall Islands. In this work of establishing the Micronesia Mission they were joined by the missionaries from the Hawaiian Board who were eager to pass along to their fellow islanders of the Central Pacific something of the Christian life and culture which they had gained through the efforts of the American Board missionaries in the Hawaiian Islands. The story of the sailing of successive "Morning Star" missionary ships on their mission to Micronesia is well known.

During the period of German influ-

Dr. Clarence S. Gillett and the Reverend Eleanor Wilson, distinguished missionaries of our Congregational Christian churches, and the Deacons of one of our churches in the Marshalls.

ence and ascendancy in the islands prior to World War I, German missionaries arrived to assist in the Protestant missionary work. They cooperated with the American Board Mission and later took over the work in the Carolines at Palau, Truk and Ponape. Following World War I, a Japanese Protestant Mission Society assumed this work when the Germans were removed from the Islands. Prior to World War II some German missionaries of the Liebenzell Mission returned to the Islands and still continue there in association with the American Board work.

AN APPEAL TO THE AMERICAN BOARD

Following World War II, it was found that the Islanders were eager that the American Board missionaries should return. The American Navy, responding to the desires of the native people, also approached the American Board with a view to the Board's reassuming responsibility for the Protestant Christian work in the Islands. This appeal was reinforced by the International Missionary Council and the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, and so today the American Board represents the Protestant forces in the conduct of the mission work in the Marshalls and the Carolines. The general program is to develop the work in five key areas: the Marshalls, centering at Kwajelein; Kusaie in the Eastern Carolines; Ponape, Truk and Palau.

The primary emphasis will be in the development of the church, training of Christian leaders, supplementing the educational facilities with religious training, developing the vocational training of the Islanders in handicraft, agriculture and other means of livelihood.

MISSIONS ARE PEOPLE

Dr. Clarence Gillett, the Superintendent of the Mission, is now located at Truk. The Reverend Eleanor Wilson, who was formerly the principal in the school at Kusaie, is located in the Marshalls. Dr. Harold F. Hanlin, formerly a Navy Chaplain in the Marshalls, with his family is now on his way to rebuild the school at Kusaie. The Reverend and Mrs.

Charles L. Heuser are now en route to strengthen the work at Truk, which will be a church and school center for a large area in the central Carolines.

The schools at Kusaie and Truk will give special attention to training island Christian leaders to go among the islands to guide the Christian life of local groups. Upon them the church's strength will greatly depend.

The *Morning Star VI*, on reaching the Islands, will be able to facilitate contact with island groups long cut off by the war and to carry missionary students and workers to their stations and schools and to move necessary supplies and building materials to the points of need.

STRATEGIC AREA FOR PEACE

Admiral Wright, who headed the Government Commission of Inspection came to recognize the result of missionary enterprise in advancing standards of health, education and faith and has declared:

"I cannot get away from the idea that if mankind were foolish enough to have another war and wipe out Western civilization with atom bombs it might be that right in these Islands would be found the roots of a new civilization, that would be better than what we have been able to build up to now."

And so the American Board is going back to take up its historic work in that part of the world. The fifty churches that were destroyed must be rebuilt. People who have lost all of their possessions, including their cocoanut palm trees in the havoc of war, must be rehabilitated. The church must be strengthened, leaders trained and the Christian way of life preached, taught and lived in this Central Pacific area which now becomes a strategic area for the mission of world peace.

Mr. Hackett was a missionary in Japan under the auspices of our American Board for Foreign Missions from 1920 to 1941. He is now the Associate Treasurer of the American Board.

With most of their church buildings destroyed during the war, many congregations are forced to hold their services out-of-doors. (Below) A Sunday School class of one of our many destroyed churches meets in the open. Funds are needed for the restoration of the work in the islands.

"JAPAN PRESENTS AN UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY FOR REAL EVANGELISM."

JAPAN

"Never has there been a time and a place in all history," General MacArthur has stated, "when authentic Christian faith has had so extraordinary an opportunity as today among the Japanese people." To make Christ the formative and redemptive element in Japanese reconstruction calls for greater support of our missions than ever before.

ALICE E. CARY

WHAT about Japan today — our churches, our schools, and our Christian constituents? Did they survive the war? Were they loyal to the faith? Are they teaching and preaching Christ? These questions are in the mind of everyone who is concerned for the future of our missionary program in that land.

SPIRITUAL TRAVAIL

The physical and spiritual travail through which they have gone — not only during the war but also through the months of personal bewilderment, of social, economic and political readjustment — have weeded out the weak and indifferent, while notably deepening and markedly strengthening the faith of those who remained loyal through thick and thin.

There are many accounts of refusal to yield to governmental restrictions and repressions: of school principals who threatened to close their institutions rather than give up their Christian purpose and profession, of pastors who continued to preach the message of goodwill, of heroic allegiance to the universal brotherhood under the fatherhood of God, and of unpretentious individuals who persistently lived in the spirit of Christ which permeated their characters.

If, in contrast, there was a lack of aggressive opposition by many of our church members to Japan's militarists and their program, we must not forget that not only in Japan is the allure of patriotism too strong for average resistance — that love of country, in even Christian nations, has become in our time man's other religion.

> From countless individual lives and groups light is shining in the darkness. These lights must be increased and the flame kept at the point of maximum shining. Our part in sending out the light is obvious.
>
> WILLIS LAMOTT

PHYSICAL LOSSES

Our churches suffered grievously in membership and buildings. Of our Congregational (Kumiai) group, thirty-seven churches, and as many parsonages were destroyed.

But we no longer speak in Japan of Congregational Christian, of Methodist, or of Presbyterian churches, for, by 1940, thirty-four denominations and sects had joined in forming the *United Church of Christ in Japan.* It was within such an organization that they carried on during the war. Yet, when all political pressure was removed after the surrender, and the denominations were free to go their own way, the component parts and sectarian units, instead of falling asunder, for the most part held together — so that eighty per cent of the 210,000 Japanese Protestant Christians remained still within the united Fellowship. Our Kumiai group is of this number.

It can hardly be claimed that a really strong church has so far resulted. It is too early, and there are too many difficulties to be coped with to justify a premature optimism. The next five years will be the crucial ones, and what happens in the next decade will clearly determine the future trend of the entire Christian movement in Japan.

MAJOR DIFFICULTIES

What then are the main difficulties? Most of them, obviously, stem from the social, economic and political upheaval, the inevitable aftermath of defeat in total war, which has profoundly disturbed every organization and every individual in Japan.

Some more specifically concern the church, one-third of whose buildings, which means five hundred for the whole united church, are utterly destroyed, and whose membership was scattered far and wide by the bombing of metropolitan areas. Many churches will never be rebuilt, for population dispersals and fundamental changes in the sound structure make it more feasible in certain instances to draw two former congregations together under a single roof.

At the same time there is a demand for new work in recently opened

Street corner evangelism (above) is popular in Japan. Here two American soldiers listen to a Japanese Christian youth delivering a gospel message. A three-year Protestant campaign, using as its slogan "Christ for all Japan" (left), is attracting wide attention.

population centers. But it is difficult to envisage such advances under prevailing circumstances. For no matter how eager the Japanese may be to initiate a country wide program of rehabilitation, this must be drastically limited or even given up altogether, unless funds and material aid can be sent from abroad.

SPECTRE OF HUNGER

Inflationary living costs of fantastic proportions prevent the would-be generous giver from doing what he would like to do. Scarcity of lumber and of building materials in general makes financial support impossible for even those groups that

have been financially independent for many years.

The spectre of hunger that haunts all Japan is desperately real to our ministers whose salaries and means of livelihood are so far below normal that the fatigue resulting from sheer undernourishment has the effect of a crippling force that we must try to understand as we survey the whole situation.

STRENGTHENING OUR BONDS

Plainly the Christian church in America, which has helped so greatly until now, must continue to help by sending food in the largest possible quantities if we are to expect the strong, creative leadership which this time of crisis demands.

Physical and spiritual health cannot long be maintained on a diet of less than a thousand calories a day. Except for the release of food by General MacArthur's headquarters, and for the stream of food packages and of clothing which has flowed from American churches and individuals to Japanese pastors, teachers, and friends, the conditions would have become infinitely worse.

These gifts have gone farther than their mere monetary value in strengthening the bonds of Christian love and in proving our enduring concern, as our contribution to the healing of war's bitter wounds. When, in amazement, the Japanese exclaim, "How can you give to us when we have caused you so much suffering?", the answer is formed on their own lips when they frame the reply, "Truly this is the spirit which Jesus taught."

DEMAND FOR EDUCATION

Education has always been highly rated in Japan, but never before has the demand been as great as today. Christian schools have a new prestige, a wider appeal than ever before. This is in large part because in them the students can learn of American culture, American ideals, and of that democracy which all wish to adopt. They are coming to discern behind the democratic principles of America a background of Christian faith and conviction which subsumes law and custom just as a foundation underlies the superstructure.

When General MacArthur boasts that he will make of Japan the most truly democratic country in the world, his frequently repeated observations on the place of Christianity in the democratic program have considerable significance.

The most important thing, it seems, we can do for Japan is to maintain and augment our concern for the Japanese people as expressed in generous giving. Japan is urgently asking for more missionaries. And this is in marked contrast to the attitude before the war, when many influential church leaders greatly preferred money to American personnel. Today their choice is the reverse for they want actual personalities more than they want mere funds.

Nevertheless financial aid is clearly called for. Ruined edifices must be rebuilt. Pastors and teachers should be helped to tide over these terribly lean years, until the national economy has righted itself and the Japanese Christians can resume full responsibility.

A NEW HUMILITY

There is an unequalled eagerness, both among youth and adults, to learn about Christianity. Resentment and humiliation because of the military debacle, together with the dawning realization that they were deceived by those whom they so absolutely trusted, have filled the people with remorse and penitence greatly stimulated by the merciful, though rigorously just and exacting program of the Army of Occupation.

One of the interesting phases of current postwar Japanese Christian activity is the popularity of Sunday afternoon services which complement regular Sunday morning services. This group is leaving one of our Nagoya churches. Bombed area at left transformed into gardens.

It goes without saying that there are underground reactionary elements, biding their time until Japan returns once more to complete independence. But we should not delude ourselves into imagining that the psychology of an entire people can be changed overnight or even in a few years. What is of prime significance is that there has arisen in Japan out of the fearful collapse of every proud ambition, the first beginnings of a new and humble spirit which may yet put to shame the pride of her western conquerors.

LET US NOT GROW WEARY

Let us therefore not grow weary in responding to Japan's appeal. For even though the need drags on for years the enterprise is pregnant with possibilities, such as the Christian mission seldom has assisted to a healthful birth. Let us through our Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction help to remove the ravages of war; let us through the Increased Apportionment Giving of our churches send to Japan the finest types of vigorous young consecrated people as ambassadors of Christ our Redeemer.

And, let us each and all, as we wrap and send those parcels of goodwill, those crumbs from our tables and that clothing which we wish to share, remember that the people for whom Jesus died have earthly citizenship in every nation on earth, in Japan as well as in the United States.

Miss Cary was a missionary in Japan under the auspices of our American Board for Foreign Missions until 1944, *when she became its Secretary for Japan.*

Photos pages 38 *and* 40 *by Religious News Service.*

Projects are PERSONAL

JAMES E. WALTER

"WHERE A MAN'S HEART IS, THERE SHALL HIS TREASURE BE ALSO."

Every article in this issue of *The Missionary Herald* illustrates and interprets a missionary project for you and your church.

Every missionary and all pieces of work in the regular budget of the American Board for Foreign Missions either belong already to some church as their very own, or are available as projects. We do not suggest a project for every church, but there are specific jobs awaiting every Congregational Christian church that wants a personal relationship with missionaries.

There are projects for all who desire an educational program, a financial responsibility, and a creative spiritual fellowship.

Here are some typical questions that come to us, and the gist of our answers:

PROJECTS AND APPORTIONMENT

Does money given to projects count on the apportionment? Yes, all projects are within the regular framework of denominational benevolences. Checks are remitted as usual through the State Conference treasurer, or through the Board treasurer concerned. The local church receives apportionment credit for gifts toward work within the budgets of the Boards.

DESIGNATED PROJECTS

Does money given for a project actually go for that piece of work? Yes, we sign up projects with definite financial goals, and only up to the amount of the budget involved. The personal budget of Dr. and Mrs. Frank C. Laubach, for example, is carried by Union Church, Montclair, New Jersey, even though many others would also welcome this link. Many others keep a vital bond with Dr. Laubach by adopting a share in the literacy work, and having him as their correspondent.

PARTIAL SUPPORT

Does a church or individual need to support a missionary in full in order to adopt a project? No, shares of all sizes are available in many fields, on the understanding that the foreign correspondent will be presented to the parish as "Our Missionary Representative." If a church provides one half or more of the missionary's total budget, the church may announce the missionary in any terms desired.

PROJECT TIME-SPAN

What is the time-span of a project relationship? There are "long term" and "short-term" projects. Like the adoption of children into a home, missionaries are usually adopted into a church family for life. If special circumstances require a change, revisions can be made at any time in consultation with the Project Secretary. The normal program of projects in a local church continues over a period of many years. Accumulated experiences, significant memories, and growth in Christian fellowship suggest many natural values and results in the personal relations of a "long-term" project.

Processional of the commissioning service for the Reverend and Mrs. Charles L. Heuser at the First Congregational Church, Burlington, Vermont, on September 24. Representatives of several of our churches in New England and officers of the American Board attended the service.

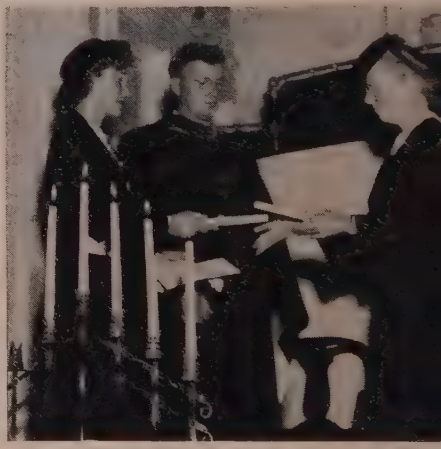
SHORT-TERM PROJECTS

"Short term" projects are illustrated by *Morning Star VI*. Individuals and churches read the story of Christian adventure, remember the missionary ship in their prayers, and adopt specific shares by purchasing certificates. Over a thousand people have entered into this spiritual partnership with the work of *Morning Star VI*. Thousands more are needed to finish the project. There are projects in every field that can be adopted and completed in one year, or with one gift.

A COMMISSIONING SERVICE

At the 138th Annual Meeting of the American Board for Foreign Missions in Burlington, Vermont, September 23-25, the Reverend and Mrs. Charles L. Heuser were commissioned for life service in the Land of the *Morning Stars*. Now they are en route to the Marshall and Caroline Islands to establish a Christian home, and to strengthen our educational and evangelistic missionary work in that vast area.

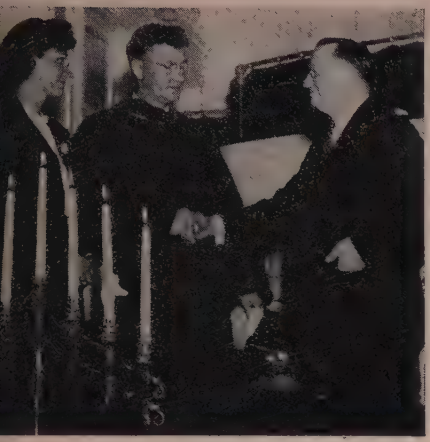
Since the people of Hawaii have had a major part in the Micronesia Mission from the start, the Hawaiian



Alice E. Cary, our American Board secretary for Japan, presenting commissions to Mr. and Mrs. Heuser, now en route to the Marshall and Caroline Islands to strengthen our work there.

churches are providing the money for the Heusers' personal budget. Churches in Union Association, Maine, have given them a refrigerator, and have adopted shares in their work.

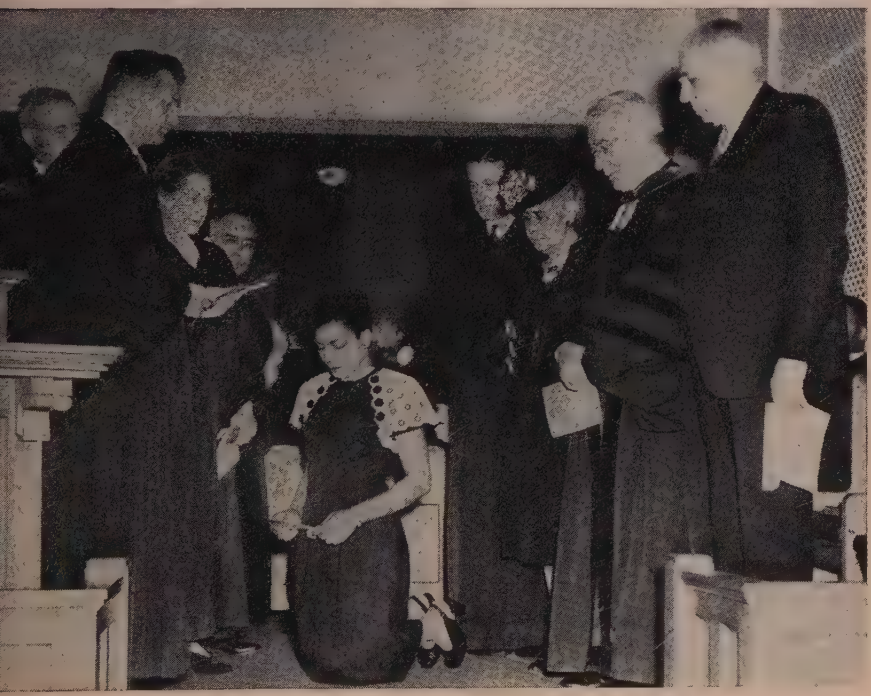
A layman from the local church, a minister from Union Association,



and a representative from Hawaii were among the participants in the Commissioning Service for the Heusers. The spirit of rededication was felt by all. The work of Gertrude and Charles became a personal project for many who attended the 138th Annual Meeting. We were their partners in prayer. We were donors to *Morning Star VI*. Having learned of the need, we gave ourselves and our dollars in response. "Where a

Mr. Harold W. Hackett (left), Associate Treasurer of our American Board for Foreign Missions, extends a welcome to the field to Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Heuser, who will spend their lives serving in the South Pacific area.

Congregational ministers and officers participated in the commissioning service for Mrs. Henry C. McDowell at the Dixwell Avenue Congregational Church of New Haven, Connecticut, as Mr. Walter, author of this article, read the "charge." Mrs. McDowell will serve in Africa.



man's heart is, there shall his treasure be also."

FOR INFORMATION

Scores of our Congregational Christian churches across the nation are vitalizing their missionary appeal by adopting missionary projects. If your church, or some of its members, wishes to adopt a missionary as a special project, or to contribute to the support of a missionary, write to the author — the Reverend James E. Walter, 14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass. — for full information about a missionary project.

Mr. Walter is the Secretary of the Project Department of the Missions Council.

Photos pages 42 and 43 by Detore and by Carroll.

> The best life I know is the Christian life. I am a farmer in a mission land plus a preacher of the gospel of Christ. I believe that this combination is needed to bring the abundant life to the farmers whom I serve.
>
> BRAYTON C. CASE

PRESIDENT JUDSON L. CROSS

The Reverend Judson L. Cross, aged 68, former President of Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi, well known in Congregational church and educational circles died on October 20, at Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Born in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Mr. Cross was educated at Colorado College and Yale Divinity School. After ordination as a Congregational minister in 1904, Mr. Cross held pastorates in Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts. Among these was the Rollstone Congregational Church of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, which he served for thirteen years. In 1927 Mr. Cross became the New England Regional Secretary for the Commission on Missions, now the Missions Council of the Congregational Christian churches, and field representative of the American Missionary Association, with headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts.

In 1935 Mr. Cross was called to the post of the Presidency of Tougaloo College, the first Negro institution in Mississippi to receive a rating as a Class B college from the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools which is the Regional Accrediting Agency. This college offers an opportunity for a liberal arts training to a million Negroes.

Mr. Cross held the post of President of Tougaloo College for twelve years, or until his retirement last May. Under his leadership the enrollment of the college grew from 108 to 324 and the budget from $77,000 to $168,000. Judson Cross Hall, a dormitory for girls, was dedicated on March 23, 1947.

Mr. Cross is survived by his widow, Mrs. Judson L. Cross, one son, Mr. Judson Bridgman Cross, Exeter, New Hampshire, and two daughters, Mrs. Vernon W. Lippard, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Mrs. Charles R. Langmuir, New Rochelle, New York.

ABOUT PEOPLE ABROAD

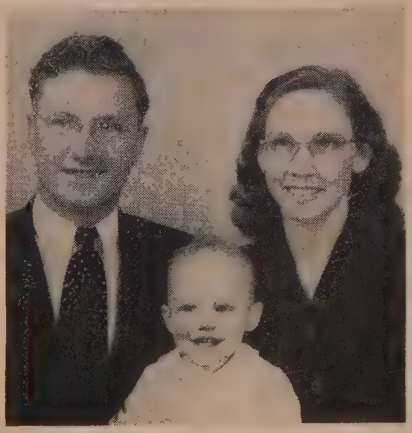
DOROTHY P. CUSHING

The Reverend and Mrs. Carl R. Dille of Chilesso, West Africa, with their two children.

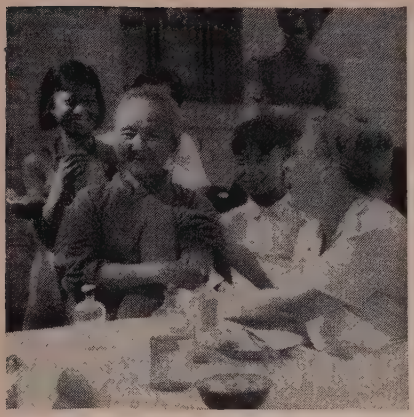
SAD SACKS! Missionaries are such sad, sickly, and sanctimonious looking folk! Yes? Above are the Reverend and Mrs. Carl R. Dille, Nancy Patricia and Thomas Minton, just before returning to their work in Chilesso, West Africa. When the Dilles reached Chilesso they were the first new missionaries in fourteen years. They work among a simple, agricultural people who often "sleep with hunger" because of lack of scientific farming knowledge.

DR. WILDER IN NEW POST. When Dr. and Mrs. Edward W. Wilder formerly of Madura, India, return to India, the doctor will become Secretary of the Christian Medical Association of India, Burma and Ceylon. Dr. Wilder was formerly head of Pierce Memorial Hospital for Men in Madura. Mrs. Wilder is well known for her literacy work. They will make their headquarters in Nagpur.

THE ISLANDS ARE WAITING. Flying from California to Hawaii October 8 in order to catch the last connection with the Caroline Islands, the Reverend and Mrs. Charles L. Heuser, formerly of Fryeburg, Maine, go to work in the Truk area with the faithful Christians of those Islands. They were commissioned during the 138th Annual Meeting of the American Board in Burlington, Vermont, in a deeply impressive service. The Heusers will do pastoral and educational work.



The Reverend and Mrs. Charles L. Heuser who with their son are to serve in the Carolines.



The Missionary Public Health Centers perform a much needed service in China today.

A GOOD START. The Public Health Service set up by Miss Helen Dizney, R.N., of Tunghsien, North China, is making real progress. In the school 515 cases of trachoma have been treated. In the villages, emphasis has been on cholera clinics. Miss Dizney sets up shop anywhere. In the villages also she organized Health Committees and Mothers' Clubs. The children learn to swat flies and the Village Heads to clean up unsanitary spots. The *Christian Farmer,* a magazine widely circulated, has been publicizing the cholera clinics. In the midst of trachoma treatments, DDT and possible Communist invasion, Nurse "Dizzy" retains the same cheerful, undaunted spirit that so endears her to her friends in China and America. Here she is with a Chinese nurse. This clinic was at a gateway of a coal shop. The old lady took some persuading but the Helen Dizney smile got her. Photo by Miss Laura Cross.

IT'S WONDERFUL to announce that since September first the following have gone back to their fields:

China: Mr. and Mrs. (Dr.) William Satterthwaite, Peiping (new); Miss Louise Meebold, Fenchow; the Reverend and Mrs. Ernest T. Shaw, Peiping; the Reverend and Mrs. Alden E. Matthews, Foochow (new); the Reverend and Mrs. Raymond H. Giffin, Foochow (new); Miss Jennie Jacobs, R.N., Foochow.

Africa: (When we go to press the following are expected to be on their way). Dr. and Mrs. Gladwyn M. Childs, Dondi; the Reverend and Mrs. Carl R. Dille, Miss Mary W. Hurlbut, Elende; the Reverend and Mrs. Henry C. McDowell, Elende.

India: Mrs. Max H. Harrison, Bangalore; Miss Margaret C. Hammaker, Sholapur; Dr. and Mrs. Hale H. Cook, Wai (new); Dr. Maria Korchagina, Marathi Mission; Dr. and Mrs. Edward W. Wilder, Nagpur.

Ceylon: Dr. and Mrs. W. Robert Holmes, Vaddukoddai, (new).

Near East: Miss Ethel W. Putney, Scutari, Turkey; Mrs. Elvesta T. Leslie, Istanbul, Turkey; Harold C. Harlow, Elleniko, Greece (new); the Reverend and Mrs. Horace M. McMullen, Beirut, Lebanon (new); Dr. and Mrs. Edward St. John Ward, Gaziantep, Turkey; Eugene A. Pringle, Tarsus, Turkey (new); Miss Lucile C. Tonsfeldt, Izmir, Turkey (new).

Japan: Mrs. Darley Downs, Tokyo; Mrs. Sherwood F. Moran, Nishinomiya; Miss Olive S. Hoyt, Matsuyama; and Mr. and Mrs. (Dr.) Otis Cary, Kyoto (new).

DANIEL HAND EDUCATIONAL FUND FOR COLORED PEOPLE

Income for the month of August	$2,628.88
Income for the three months ended August 31, 1947 . .	$16,392.87

The First Million Is the Hardest

UNIT PLAN TO BE COMPLETED IN 1948

Frank J. Scribner

"I enjoy the feeling that I am to some degree independent, and for that I thank the Annuity Fund, which has made this possible for many."

In 1942 the Congregational Christian churches launched the Unit Plan. This was an effort to secure $1,200,000 in ten years to keep the Original Plan annuities of the Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers at their promised maximum of $500.00 to a minister, $300.00 to a widow.

Receipts under the Unit Plan have steadily run ahead of projections. At the close of 1946 a total of $824,456.00 had been contributed — more than two-thirds of the projected total in one-half the scheduled time.

As we entered 1947 the question inevitably arose, whether the Unit Plan could announce that it would reach its goal in two more years. The Unit Plan Committee was tempted to do so but it resisted as there were too many unpredictable factors in the equation. The Committee decided to withhold definite statements and to watch the returns.

On October 2, the Committee met and faced the question. It surveyed the record for the first nine months of 1947, studied the situations in different parts of the country, gave full consideration to the other appeals before our churches, and after full discussion passed this vote:

THAT WE DEFINITELY PUBLICIZE OUR DECISION TO COMPLETE THE UNIT PLAN IN 1948.

The Committee is fully aware of what is involved in such a decision. It means that more money must be received this year and next than has been received in any two years of the Unit Plan so far. The splendid cooperation of State Chairmen, Committee members, pastors and laymen has convinced the Committee that the goal is attainable by the end of next year and that it can be attained without damage to any other denominational project.

The completion of the Unit Plan will be a milestone in Congregational Christian history. Its completion within seven years, instead of the ten years originally scheduled, will be a wonderful achievement.

Notice that we say "will be." If anyone suggests that this is counting our chickens before they are hatched, we reply that the Unit Plan workers are good eggs.

Send gifts to the Unit Plan Chairman of your Conference or to The Unit Plan, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. Make checks payable to The Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers.

The Christmas Fund

PERCY C. LADD

Each year for forty-five years the members of our churches have contributed to a Christmas Fund for the Ministerial Relief Division of the Board of Home Missions which has been expended in special gifts and emergency grants to supplement the pathetically small pensions that we distribute. As a sample of the sort of people who benefit from the Christmas Fund, we have selected two actual persons and are recording here a brief summary of their life stories and of their present conditions.

"A MAN SICK OF THE PALSY"

At sixty he had to retire. It was at a time when it was possible for a poor man to buy a modest home, and he and his wife settled near their daughters. Into their education had gone what would have been his savings over his thirty-three years of service. He had expected that his Original Plan Annuity would suffice, but since he could not complete the necessary years, a lesser Disability Annuity took its place. As a supplement to it, he was given a grant from the Ministerial Relief.

If we have helped him, he in turn has more than made it good. Rarely has there been such an example of heroism. Since his malady is palsy, he has devised special tools for eating. For years, till the doctor imposed his veto, he composed a column for the nearby press, as a release for his burning spirit. "Sometimes," he wrote us, "that shaky old Smith-Premier scatters sparks from my soul." He has kept working in his garden.

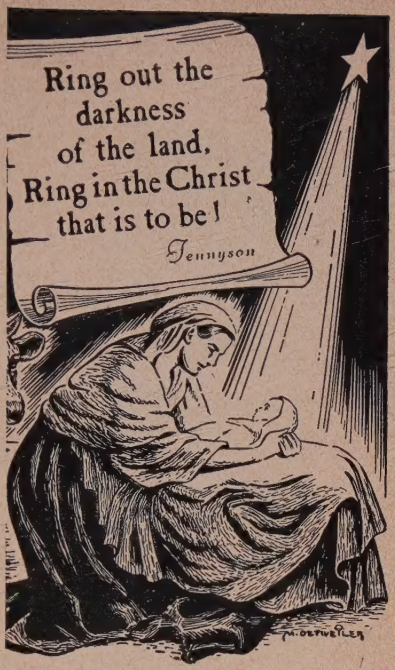
Prison walls have now immured him. The quivering of his head has closed the books that were his inspiration. The palsy in his hands will not allow his typing. One of the last messages he gave the Board before his family assumed the correspondence was, "Would that my thoughts could be given wings."

SPARTAN VIRTUES ARE NOT EXTINCT

At seventy-six, after forty-three years of service in medium-sized churches, he retired. Thoughtful, faithful, zealous, he had, though physically frail, given good service. Three times his wife was in the hospital for operations; five years in a sanitarium. Because of a "freak heart" he could take out no life insurance. He educated his two sons. He never owned a car. Three times dishonesty brought failures to the companies where he invested his savings.

When he retired, a grant from the Ministerial Relief, plus a small return on an investment was his living. He and his wife proved that Spartan virtues are not extinct. They paid $17.33 rent, $11.50 a month for groceries, and $9.00 a month for incidentals like medicine, repairs, toothpaste, shaving cream, stamps and newspapers. His wife sickened and died. He wrote: "I would like to reduce the grant, but there is less than a dollar left and no luxuries at the end of the month. In over two years I have not gotten any new clothes or shoes." For over a year he was crunched by pain till he imagined that death was at hand. Our Emergency Fund helped with the bills. Life has gradually arisen again in his crippled limbs, and now he meets life with a will.

Gifts may be sent to the Ministerial Relief Division, 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.
Make checks payable to "The Christmas Fund."



NOTHING can better express the joy of Christmas than the music of beautiful bells. Borne through the skies on golden wings, it soars straight to our hearts and makes even more ecstatic the happiness that dwells there.

That has been true down through the centuries: the darkness of doubt and selfishness has ever vanished before the brilliance of the Spirit of Christmas.

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Robert Cashman, *Chairman*
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